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MEMBERS OF THE LEOMINSTER BRASS BAND WHO ENLISTED IN 1861.

1, Andrew Tisdale, Cornet; 2, Charles Tisdale, Cornet; 3, Charles Adolphus Chase, Cornet; 4, Wooster F. Dodge, Cornet; 5, John Tisdale, Bass Drum; 6, Hibbard P. Wheeler, Cymbals; 7, Loren L. Moore, Tenor Horn; 8, Warren Gilchrest, B-flat Bass Horn; 9, George E. Tisdale, B-flat Bass Horn; 10, Joseph G. Eaton, E-flat Bass Horn; 11, Frank W. Lewis, E-flat Bass Horn. This band, recruited to 24 pieces, went as the band of the First Regiment, M. V., were 15 months in active service; co-workers with the soldiers, doing picket duty and caring for wounded. When the regimental bands were discharged in 1862, several of their number enlisted in the regular service.

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A RECOGNITION BY THE TWENTIETH CENTURY OF THE TOWN'S NINETEENTH CENTURY PROGRESS AND ITS MAKERS

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# FOREWORD.

LEOMINSTER is exceedingly fortunate in having had several resident photographers who considered it worth their while to record passing events of local importance through the medium of their cameras. Not only does this apply to the old-time artists, whose pictures are now faded and dim with age, and liable at any time to pass into oblivion, but others of later date, whose contributions bring the record down to the present time and indicate the changes and improvements which have come with the years.

Among those who were photographers in former years, and whose views add so much to the interest of this work, may be mentioned WILLIAM T. ALLEN, OREN H. BUCK, CHARLES M. PIERCE, I. A. COLLINS, and EDMUND G. DAVIS. Imprints accompany their plates as far as it is possible, but it is to be regretted that so few of the original photographs have anything to indicate when or by whom they were taken. Where names are omitted, it will be safe to credit some one of the above mentioned. Although not classing himself among the photographers, MR. DAVIS still continues in landscape photography as a pastime, his later productions ranking well with the best professionals. In portraiture, the local studios are well represented. The thirty years' collection of negatives of leading citizens taken by L. A. RICHARDSON has been largely drawn upon, as well as some of his best residence and other views.

In the engraving and printing no pains have been spared to produce the best results throughout; but due allowance should, and no doubt will, be made for plates from old and faded originals.

The work of collecting this material, reproducing the pictures in half-tone, and printing them in connection with hundreds of interesting facts and dates, is a task of no small magnitude; and the publisher of this volume desires to thank all who have in any way contributed to lighten his labors, and especially those who have been so ready to place rare and valuable pictures in his hands for reproduction.

Wm. T. Allen, Photo.

DEDICATION OF THE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT, SEPT. 12, 1867.

Capt. Leonard Wood, Marshal of the day; Music by the Band; Original Hymn (words and music by C. H. Smith), sung by the Choral Club; Reading of Scriptures by Rev. W. J. Batt; Prayer by Rev. Horace Parker of Ashby; James Bennett, Esq., read an original patriotic poem, the ninth stanza commenced with the words:

Wm. T. Allen, Photo.

"Bring pure, white flowers, a laurel wreath to twine
Around this shaft of sculptured stone."

While the author was reading this verse a bevy of young maidens, dressed in white, advanced to the monument and decked it with red, white and blue garlands. The orator of the day was Rev. George S. Ball of Upton, a native of Leominster and chaplain during the war; the Choral Club sang an original hymn by James Bennett, and Rev. Rufus P. Stebbins closed with a speech and poem replete with humor and pathos, and interspersed with reminiscences of the past.

Richardson, Photo.

THE MILES FARM (SO CALLED). RESIDENCE OF HARRY L. PIERCE.

Timothy Kendall, an early settler, built a house and lived here. His son Asa sold it to Joel Crosby, Esq., who moved the house and built the more pretentious colonial residence. Capt. Charles Nickerson and Capt. Eugene T. Miles, second mayor of Fitchburg, also lived here.

JOEL CROSBY, ESQ. (1765-1833).

HANNAH CROSBY (1772-1846).

Joel Crosby, Esquire, was for many years landlord of the Lamb Tavern in Boston. Retiring from business, he spent the remainder of his life in Leominster. He was a generous, public spirited citizen, gave the bell and clock in the tower of the Unitarian church, and a thousand dollars, the interest to go to the support of the parish. The substantial yellow bell-top silver-trimmed chaise in which Mr. and Mrs. Crosby rode to church, is well remembered by the older residents now living.

Wm. T. Allen, Photo.

OLD VIEW FROM MONUMENT SQUARE, LOOKING WEST.

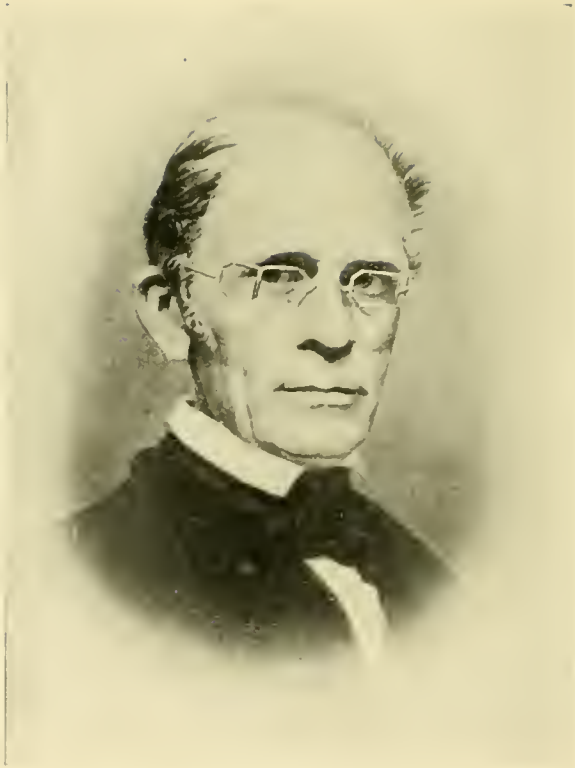
Allen's Block, partly burned in 1873 and moved to corner of Pleasant and Pearl streets. Orthodox Congregational church, struck by lightning, repaired and remodelled 1850, and destroyed by fire from overheated furnace 1872. Gardner Hall, burned 1870. Baptist church, removed to make way for the present Merriam Memorial church. Old Town Hall and Unitarian church now standing.

OLD "TORRENT" ENGINE COMPANY. No. 1.

John Tisdale, foreman; Frank Gates, assistant. This was Leominster's first water engine, purchased in July, 1846, of W. C. Hunneman, Boston, a plain tub machine, without bell or buckets and destitute of ornament. In 1850 $500 was raised by subscription, and a bell, four buckets, an arch and a tongue procured. Each member of the company was allowed a sum equal to his poll tax for his services. Union No. 2, North Leominster, was next organized. The old Worcester Mutual Insurance Co. made each company a present of $25 for promptness in saving the Orthodox church when it was struck by lightning in 1850. Fire matters were then at a white heat and for several years there existed an intense but friendly rivalry between the two companies.

DEA. SAMUEL CROCKER (1773–1856).

Expert paper maker when paper was made by hand in North Leominster. Removed to Fitchburg in 1831. Was leader of the pioneers who organized the Baptist churches in Leominster and Fitchburg, preaching frequently when these churches had no settled pastors.



DR. CHARLES WOODWARD WILDER (1790–1851).

Physician in Leominster and adjoining towns. First president Fitchburg and Worcester Railroad; member Bunker Hill Monument Committee; held many other offices of public trust and distinction; bequeathed $20,000 to support of free bed in Massachusetts General Hospital.

CAPT. ROCKWOOD AND FOUR LIEUTENANTS OF LEOMINSTER COMPANY, NINTH REGIMENT.

Lieut. Joel A. Stratton, afterwards Captain of Co. C, 53d Mass. Lieut. F. W. Polley, afterwards member Co. A, 15th Mass.; re-enlisted in the 4th Heavy Artillery. Capt. George W. Rockwood, afterwards Capt. Co. A, 15th Regt. Lieut. Leonard Wood, afterwards Capt. Co. K, 15th Mass. Lieut. Andrew B. Osborn, afterwards member Co. A, 36th M. V.; re-enlisted in 16th Mass. Battery. The occasion on which this picture was taken was the reception tendered the Prince of Wales in Boston, Oct. 18, 1860.

BEZALEEL GIBSON (1785-1855).

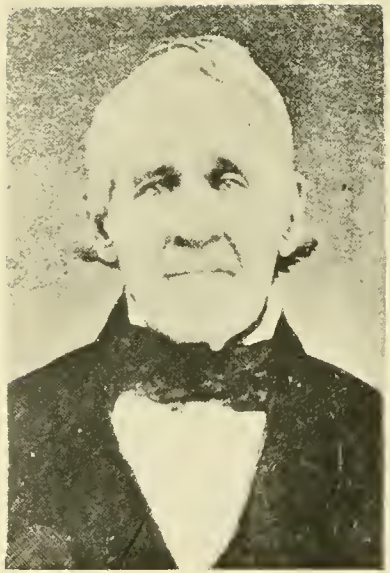
Old-time comb maker and storekeeper. Many of the old comb makers were his apprentices. Earnest temperance man, member of the first temperance society in town and one of the original members of the Orthodox church.

DEA. DAVID WILDER (1778–1866).

Representative; Justice of the Quorum; State Senator; Highway Commissioner; member Governor's Council; five years Treasurer of the Commonwealth. Deacon in Unitarian church. Prominent Mason; Wilder lodge named in his honor. History of Leominster his last public work, completed Dec. 3, 1852.

DEA. CHARLES HILLS (1786–1851).

Son of Silas Hills; was the most prominent comb maker of the Hills family of the second generation; after the war of 1812 he engaged in the business for over thirty years. Representative to General Court 1839–41. A deacon in the Unitarian church.



CAPT. DAVID ALLEN (1776–1857).

Native of Medfield, Mass.; came to Leominster when a young man, remaining a resident during the rest of his days. He was a carpenter, and for thirty years made all the caskets and coffins in town. Interested in military affairs and a strong temperance man.

Wm. T. Allen, Photo.

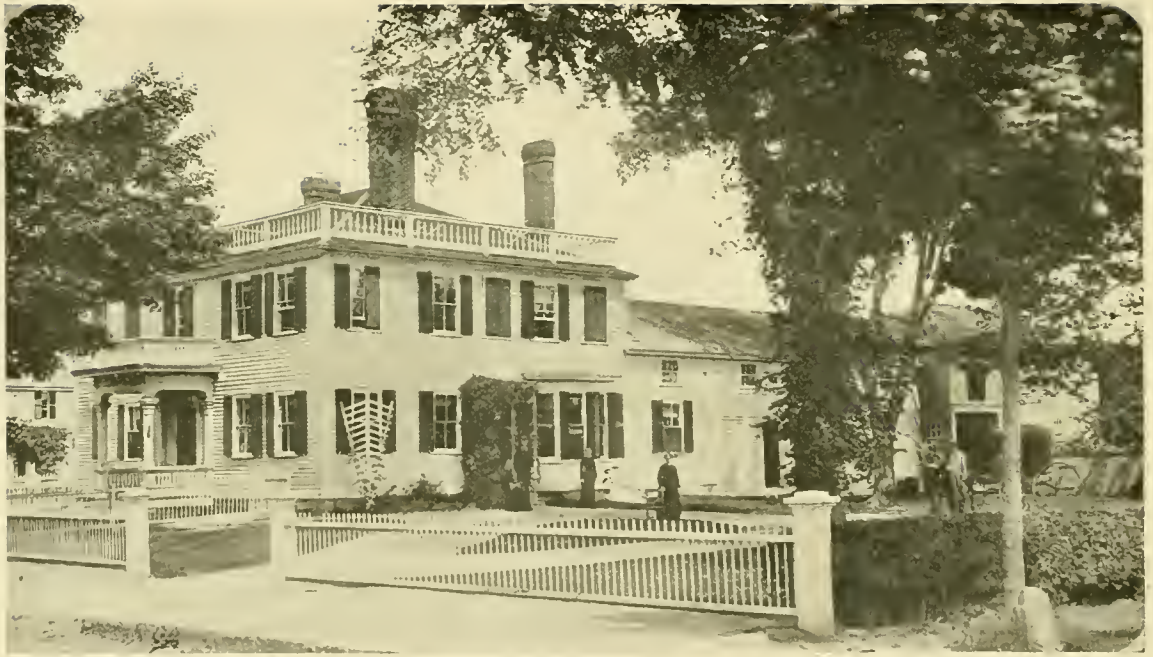
VIEW OF EAST SIDE OF MONUMENT SQUARE.

Buildings occupied by E. Prevear, A. M. Polley & Son, Town Library, Wm. Heustis and Edmund Nichols. The upper part of the building with the skylight was at one time occupied by Oren H. Buck, and it was here that Edmund G. Davis made his first attempts at picture taking. The corner of the Leominster House shows in the right-hand edge of this picture. The Robbins coach in the foreground.

Wm. T. Allen, Photo.

OLD "ALLEN BUILDING," SITE OF ALLEN'S (BRICK) BLOCK.

Original part built about 1800. Upper story, occupied by Wilder Lodge, F. & A. M., was burned in 1873. Building moved to corner Pearl and Pleasant streets, and is now Bosworth & Wood's grain store. "The Allen House" was built in 1834.



RESIDENCE OF DR. C. C. FIELD AND OF HIS SUCCESSOR, DR. J. M. RANDALL.

Built in 1818 by Rev. William Bascom, third minister of the town. It was considered a fine residence in those days. It is related that the Rev. Mr. Allen of Bolton, on being told that it was Mr. Bascom's house, exclaimed: "What! All for this world and none for the kingdom of heaven!" It was the Unitarian parsonage during the ministry of Rev. Messrs. Stebbins, Withington and Smith. Removed to make way for the Columbia.

Wm. T. Allen.

OLD APPLE PARER SHOP (REAR VIEW).

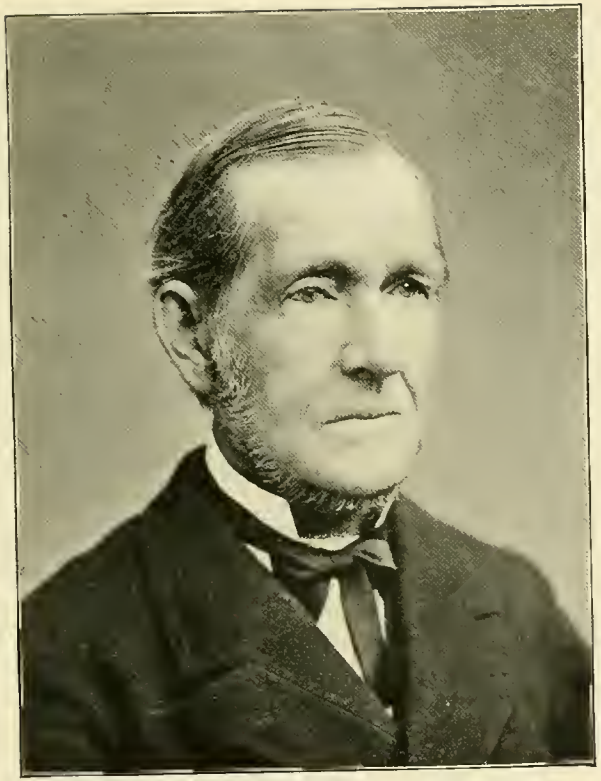
Lockey & Howland first made corn planters, and afterwards engaged successfully in the manufacture of apple parers, in this shop, leasing a small portion of the lower story to F. W. & F. A. Whitney for the manufacture of baby carriages; and here in an humble way the extensive business of the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company first started. This building was destroyed by fire in 1861.

JOEL CROSBY ALLEN (1817–84).

Native of Leominster. Early life spent on farm of his uncle, Joel Crosby, for whom he was named. In mercantile business, Cashier of First National Bank, and held many other offices of trust. During his nearly forty years' service as Town Clerk and Treasurer, no other name was ever mentioned for either place.

SOLON CARTER (1801–79).

Son of James Carter. He lived and died on the ancestral farm of his father and grandfather. In early life taught school; afterwards for many years a member of school committee. Was an intelligent and successful farmer. Representative in 1849–50.



CALEB CLESSON FIELD, M. D. (1810–81).

Amherst, 1833; Dartmouth Medical School, 1837. Began practice in Leominster same year. Twice representative to General Court; over forty years a member of school committee, much of the time serving as chairman. The town is largely indebted to him for its present efficient school system. The Field High School was named in his honor.

CHARLES H. COLBURN (1808–94).

Son of Elisha and Deborah Colburn; was born in the little old house corner Central and Lancaster streets; was engaged in mercantile business, and was postmaster for a period of more than forty years, receiving his appointment in 1833 and resigning his position in 1874.

GEORGE W. PIERCE, M. D. (1816-86).

Leicester Academy; Harvard Medical School '45. Came to Leominster in 1847. For nearly forty years the family physician in many homes, and labored for the best and largest interests of the community, devoting much time and effort to the schools, public library, reading room and museum.

JAMES BENNETT (1806-87).

Came to Leominster in 1830. A comb maker and afterwards in the insurance business. Served two years in General Court, thirteen years a member of school committee, also interested in the public library, reading room and museum. Collected valuable material relating to the military history of the town.

RAISING THE CURFEW BELL. 1864.

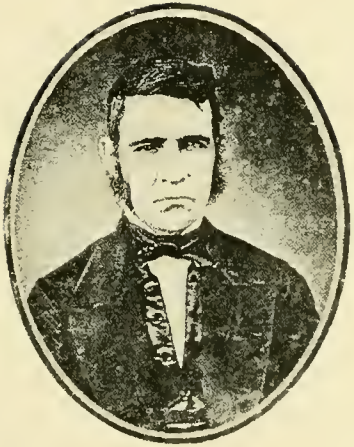
During that year the Town Hall was improved by the addition of a belfry and bell and the building raised. The library was then moved here from Monument square.

JAMES BENNETT "AT HOME."

From a photo by E. G. Davis (by permission). Mr. Davis corsiders this one of the choicest negatives in his large and choice collection of local views.

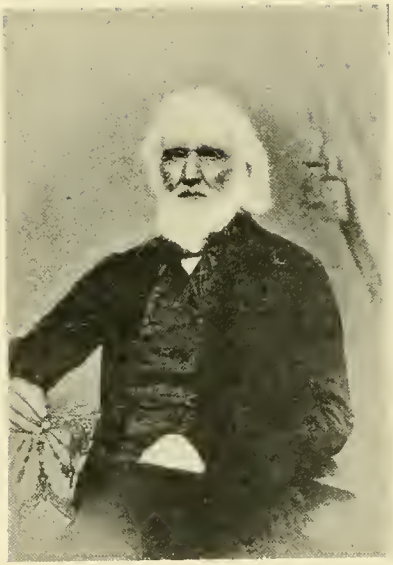
THE OLD LEOMINSTER HOUSE, OR BALCH'S TAVERN (SO CALLED).

Built in 1795 by Capt. Calvin Hale of the Continental army, who lived there and kept tavern several years; afterwards leased to other parties. Capt. Er Balch also owned and kept the tavern. The last owner was Jerome Burdett. Aurora Lodge, F. & A. M., held its lodge meetings here for several years. This best known and well-remembered landmark was destroyed in the great fire of 1873.



CAPT. ER BALCH (1794–1854).

Received his title of Captain as commander of the "Old North Company." In comb business a short time with Abel Bowers. Kept tavern corner West and Exchange streets, previous to keeping the Leominster House. Was quite a politician, being an ardent Whig when that party was in the ascendancy.



DR. SEWELL RICHARDSON (1784–1867).

Life-long resident of Leominster. Was very active in his habits, fond of the dance, and took a lively interest in military matters, genial in his nature, and of a hopeful temperament. His death was caused by falling down stairs at his residence, which is now the comb factory of Newton & Merriman.

SETH TISDALE (1783-1867).

Was a native of Norton, Mass. Learned to make horse-shoe nails, but the greater portion of his life was spent as a farmer in Leominster.

ANNAS B. (BARNARD) TISDALE (1793-1891).

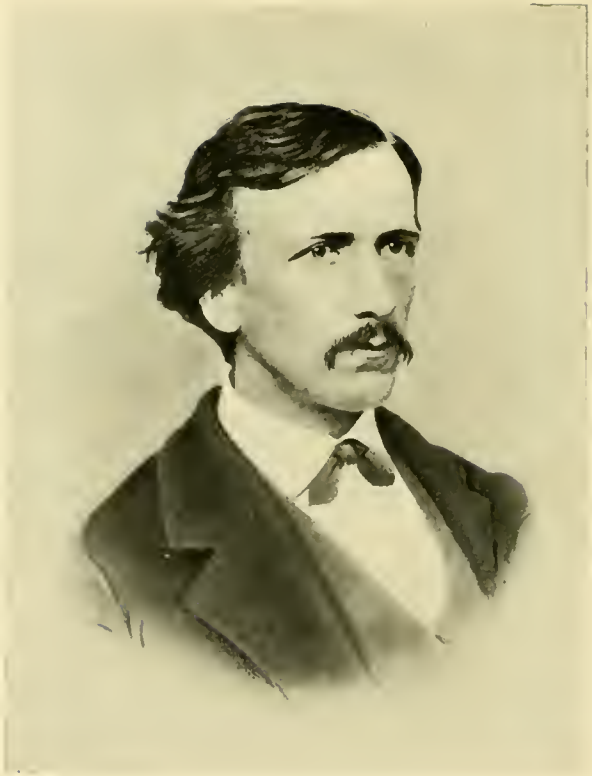
Born in Lancaster, Mass., Nov. 13, 1793; married to Seth Tisdale May 8, 1816. Was the oldest resident of Leominster at time of her death, Jan. 8, 1891.

THE SEVEN SONS OF SETH AND ANNAS B. TISDALE.

Photographed by Collins at his Allen block studio in 1873. Seth H., born April 29, 1817; died June 1, 1900. John, born Jan. 22, 1831; died June 1, 1898. William B., born April 28, 1824. Charles, born Sept. 10, 1833; died April 10, 1875. George E., born July 29, 1826. Andrew, born April 12, 1837. Stephen A., born Oct. 18, 1828.

CAPT. LUCIEN A. COOK (1838–73).

Son of Horace Cook. Member of Leominster Light Infantry; served in Co. A, 15th M. V.; captured at Antietam; confined in Libby Prison; released; honorably discharged. Afterwards served in First Brigade Band, P. S. Gilmore, leader. First commander Post 53, G. A. R. Capt. Co. K, 10th Regt. M. V. M., from 1868 to time of his death.



CAPT. EUGENE A. BENNETT (1844–77).

Son of Thomas S. Bennett. Connected with State militia; foreman Torrent Engine Co.; served in Co. A, 15th Regt. M. V.; honorably discharged in 1863. Re-enlisted in 4th Mass. Cavalry; captured and confined in Andersonville. Was 1st Lieut. of Co. K, 10th Regt. M. V. M., and upon the death of Capt. Cook, succeeded to the command of the company.

COMPANY K, 10TH REGIMENT, LEOMINSTER LIGHT INFANTRY.

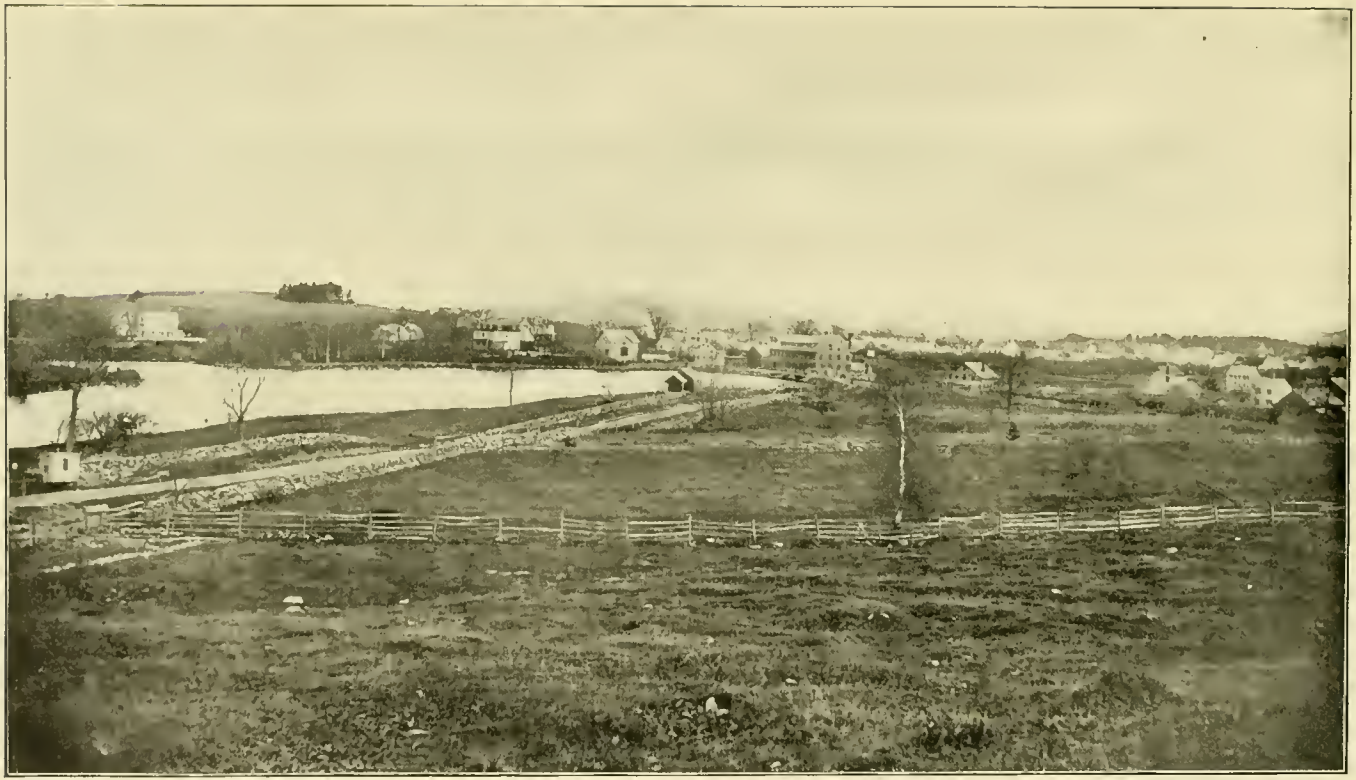
Captain, Lucien A. Cook; 1st Lieut., Charles D. Pierce; 2d Lieut., T. A. Hills. From a photograph taken in Monument square, showing Pierce's corner, Union block, and the hay scales on the Common.

RESIDENCE OF MISS MARY ANN LINCOLN, UNION STREET.

This house was built on the John Fletcher place by William Lincoln, Sr.: the first part in 1774, and the last in 1782. He moved into town in 1796, his son William, Jr., remaining. The six children of William, Jr., were: Luke, 1801-70; Edward Kendall, 1802-70; Henry, 1804-60; Mary Ann, 1806; Sarah, 1812-65; and Augusta, 1815-25. Miss Mary Ann Lincoln, the only surviving member of her father's family, still resides here at the advanced age of 95 years, blessed with a host of friends and cheered by many little tokens of the kindly feelings entertained for her by all. Photographs by Edmund G. Davis, by permission.

Edmund G. Davis, Photo.

HILLS FAMILY AND CONNECTIONS, AUGUST 29, 1883.



BIRDSEYE VIEW OF LEOMINSTER FROM GARDNER HILL.

From a large photograph taken by William T. Allen in 1867. Grove Avenue and the other streets in that now thickly settled residential section had not then been laid out.

J. C. Moulton, Photo.

GREEN'S BAND, 1860.

C. S. Litch, Cornet; Capt. A. A. Walker, Clarionet; Stephen A. Miller, 1st Violin; Simeon Green, 2d Violin and Prompter; Aron K. Litch, Tuba; Cassius Stearns, Bass Viol.

C. H. COLBURN'S, JAMES BENNETT'S, AND C. H. MERRIAM'S (FROM MONUMENT SQUARE).

SITE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, EAST SIDE OF MAIN STREET.

Photographed by C. M. Pierce.

RESIDENCE BUILT BY WM. M. HOWLAND, ON SUMMER STREET. NOW ISAAC COWDREY'S.

THREE VIEWS OF EAST SIDE OF CENTRAL STREET NEAR MONOOSNOCK BROOK, SHOWING THE RESIDENCE AND PAINT SHOP OF SAVILON E. WILDER AND OTHER BUILDINGS.

Photographed by C. M. Pierce.

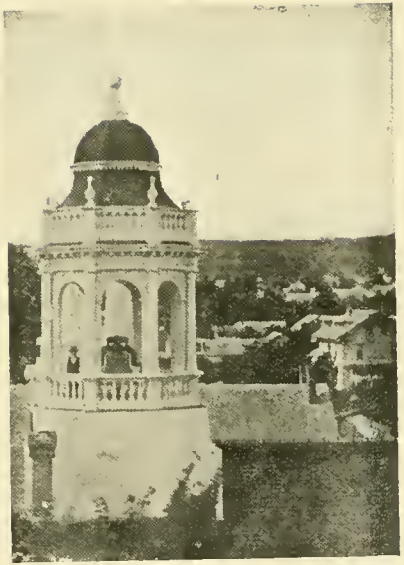
BALCH'S HOTEL, 1795.

ALLEN BLOCK, ABOUT 1800.

ALLEN HOUSE, 1834.

SIX BIRDSEYE VIEWS OF LEOMINSTER, TAKEN IN 1866, BY

RESIDENCE OF JOSEPH HASKELL,
Piano Shop, and Carter's Comb Shop in the Distance.



LOOKING WEST.
Belfry of Old Town Hall in foreground.

HOUGHTON HILL AND GROVE.
Where Grove Avenue now is. Residence Sumner Haynes and Linden House.

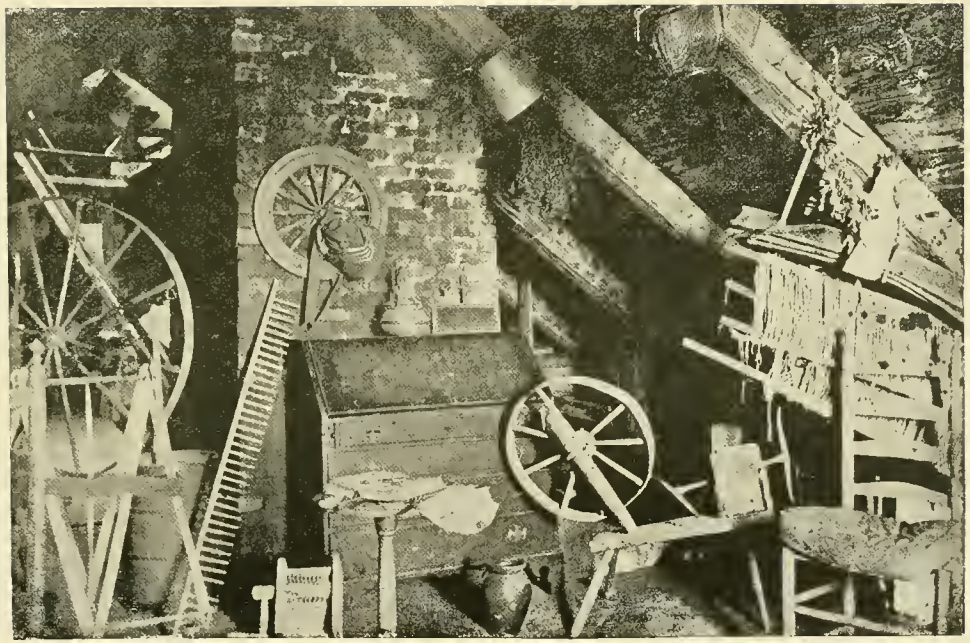
C. M. PIERCE, FROM THE BELFRY OF THE UNITARIAN CHURCH.

JOSEPH WARREN CARTER (1776–1859).

Son of Josiah Carter, Jr., and his wife, Elizabeth Graves, native of Leominster.

RUTH (TENNEY) CARTER (1779–1850).

Daughter of Joseph Tenney and his wife, Ruth Hills, born in Newbury, Mass.



ATTIC IN THE McSHERRY HOUSE, MAPLE AVENUE.

Destroyed by fire August, 1896. Was at that time one hundred and fifty years old or more.

LUKE LINCOLN (1801–70).

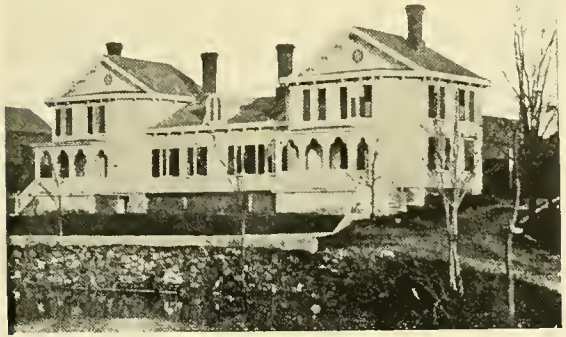
A life-long resident of Leominster, and interested in its prosperity. He was town clerk from 1837 to 1845, and a devoted worker in the Unitarian Church and Sunday School.

JAMES H. CARTER (1794–1871).

First manufactured combs at corner of West and Cotton streets, using old-fashioned horse power. Served town as assessor and chairman of selectmen. Influential and active business man.

RESIDENCE OF F. A. WHITNEY,
As originally built by Porter Kimball, Grove Avenue.

LOOKING UP WEST STREET FROM THE COMMON, 1865.



OCTAGON HOUSES,
Now in rear of Wood's and Monoosnock Blocks.

HOME OF CAPT. LEONARD BURRAGE, NORTH LEOMINSTER.

BIRDSEYE VIEW OF LEOMINSTER FROM GARDNER HILL IN 1865.

This engraving is made up from two small card pictures taken by Wm. T. Allen in 1865. What is now the Rockwell mill was then being built. The section between Pleasant and Cotton streets was not built up, and there were few houses on Pleasant street.

GEORGE F. AND GARDNER MORSE HOUSES.

West street. The former removed; the latter is now A. W. Pollard's summer residence.

RESIDENCE OF JAMES H. CARTER.

West street. Remodelled and has been for several years the residence of George F. Morse.

FALL BROOK CASCADE, OFF PLEASANT STREET.

JONAS COLBURN HOUSE,

Before Pond Street was Laid Out.

SALISBURY MANSION,

Junction of West and Pond Streets.

WATER STREET CROSSING.

Showing the early home of the F. A. Whitney Carriage and Leominster Worsted industries.

OLD PASSENGER STATION, REMOVED TO WATER STREET, NEAR R. R.

VIEW FROM MONUMENT SQUARE.

Showing Town Pump, Arlington Piano Shop and row of small buildings, site of Wood's block.

JUDGE STRONG HOMESTEAD, MAIN STREET.

JOSIAH PIERCE PLACE AND UNION BLOCK.

N. G. WOOD PLACE.

Afterwards removed and is now residence of A. S. Paton.

JAMES BENNETT RESIDENCE AND
DR. SEWELL RICHARDSON'S GARDEN.

Site of Lockey Piano Case Co.

MECHANIC STREET.

Wm. Durant House, Levi Johnson House and Shop, and Cowdrey & Tenney and Ward M. Cotton Shops.

MAJ. ELIAS JOSLIN (1795–1874).

Life-long resident of Leominster. Took a lively interest in military matters and was a member of Capt. Tenney's company in 1812. He was promoted through the different grades until he held a major's commission. Maj. Joslin lived where the town farm buildings now stand.

JAMES BURDETT (1791–1884).

Farmer and old-time comb maker. His shop was at the home place on Lancaster Street. Selectman, overseer of poor, assessor, and first Free Soil representative. Was the oldest man in town at the time of his death.

TWO VIEWS OF THE COMMON AND SQUARE,

Taken about 1865 by Wm. T. Allen, showing Gardner Hall, Field High School, Baptist Church, Town Hall, Unitarian Church, Pierce's Corner and Union Block.

WOOD'S BLOCK AND MONUMENT SQUARE.

MONUMENT SQUARE BEFORE THE FIRE.

MONUMENT SQUARE AFTER THE FIRE.

CATTLE SHOW ON THE COMMON.

MONUMENT SQUARE. (From Stereoscopic Views by E. G. Davis.)

THE BENNETT SCHOOL BUILDING. PLEASANT STREET.

WILLIAM PERRY, ESQ. (1786–1844).

Studied law with Abijah Bigelow, Esq. Member of school committee, town clerk, selectman and representative. Only lawyer in Leominster at time of his death.

JOEL W. FLETCHER, ESQ. (1818–1880).

Successor of Mr. Perry. Served on school committee and held other town offices. Interested in military matters. Several years in the insurance business in Boston and Chicago.

VIEW OF MONUMENT SQUARE AS IT APPEARED IN 1895.

LOOKING TOWARDS ALLEN'S BUILDING.

FROM ALLEN'S BUILDING.

LEOMINSTER HOUSE.

ALLEN'S BLOCK, OCT. 7, 1873.

VIEWS OF THE BURNT DISTRICT AFTER THE FIRE OF JULY 10, 1873. (From Stereoscopic Views by E. G. Davis).

FROM JONES' BUILDING.

FROM JONES' BUILDING.

UP PARK STREET.

MONOOSNOCK HOSE CO. No. 1.

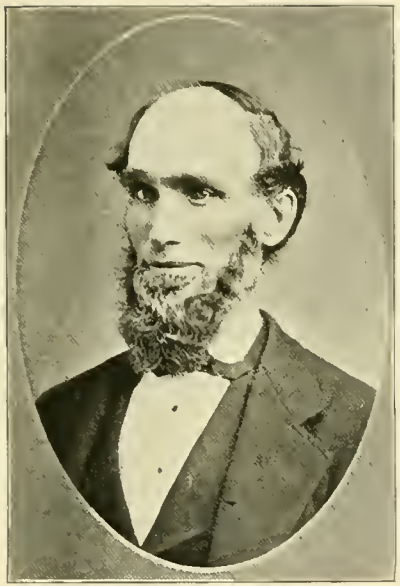
THE FIREMAN'S MUSTER, OCT. 20, 1873. (From Stereoscopic Views by E. G. Davis).

WILLIAM TILTON (1814–1873).

Several years in horn comb business, firm of Look, Tilton & Co. Tax collector, treasurer of the Orthodox Congregational church, and active member of the building committee of its new house of worship.

EMERY TILTON (1817–1880).

Proprietor of the Leominster House. Afterwards in the dry goods and grocery business; superintendent of water department; interested in fire department, serving at one time as chief.



CEPHAS DERBY (1819–1896).

In wood and lumber business. Served on the board of assessors six or seven years, and on board of selectmen nine years.

OLIVER PATCH (1805–1875).

In livery and jobbing business and coal dealer. Member of the firm of Carter, Cowdrey and Patch, and interested in the Union Comb Co.

WINTER D. SOMERS (1825–1883).

Began making horn buttons in Morseville in 1852, later removing to Carter's shop, where Rockwell's mill stands. He met with a fatal accident at his shop on Central Street, April 30, 1883. Member of Wilder Lodge and Jerusalem Commandery, Fitchburg. A successful business man and public spirited citizen.

JOEL SMITH (1812–1888).

Served his apprenticeship with Jonas Colburn and was engaged in the comb business for many years. Five years president of the Union Comb Co. President of First National Bank. Served his town as representative and in other places of honor and trust. Earnest anti-slavery man. Died suddenly at a banquet of the Leominster Fire Department, 1888.

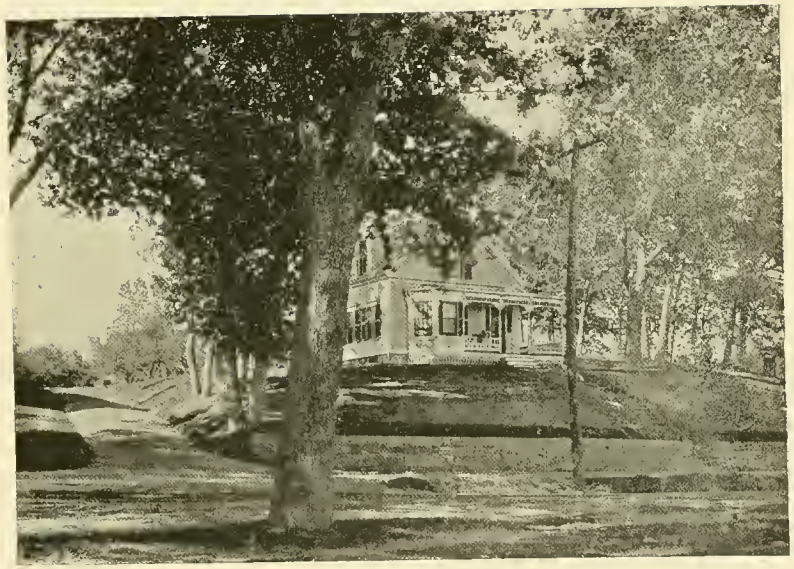
LOOKING DOWN CENTRAL STREET, 1895.

GROVE BACK OF GARDNER HILL.

THE EDWARD PREVEAR RESIDENCE, MAIN STREET.

Removed to Walnut Street by Mr. J. W. Wetherbee to make way for the new Catholic Church edifice. David Wilder refers to it in his history in 1852 as "The elegant mansion lately built by Mr. J. C. Lane."

THE CEPHAS DERBY PLACE, MAIN STREET.



RESIDENCE OF CHAUNCEY W. CARTER, ESQ., PLEASANT STREET.

THE "OLD ABBEY," LINDELL AVENUE, 1890.

So named by the late Horace Cook, from a fancied resemblance to a place described in an old novel. Built about 1740 by Josiah White, who owned a saw-mill and used three-inch plank in the construction of the house. Major James Richardson is mentioned in Wilder's history as owning the place and carrying on the potash business. Gen. Avery lived here in the time of the Revolution.

RESIDENCE OF GEORGE P. GIBSON, WEST STREET.

Old tavern stand of Levi Moore, purchased in 1816 by Bezaleel Gibson. Here in 1820 Mr. Gibson opened a store. He also carried on a large comb business in the house across the street.

LOOKING UP CHESTNUT STREET FROM PLEASANT.

AN OAK ON PLEASANT STREET. 1895.

RESIDENCE OF JOEL D. MILLER, WASHINGTON STREET.

RESIDENCE OF MERRICK HOWE, WASHINGTON STREET.

GROVE AVENUE, FROM MERRIAM STREET, 1895.

DOWN PARK STREET.

UNION COMB COMPANY'S FACTORY.

UNION BLOCK.

RUINS AFTER FIRE. 1873.

E. G. Davis' Views.

LAYING CORNER STONE ORTHODOX CHURCH.

LAYING CORNER STONE ORTHODOX CHURCH.

MAIN STREET FROM COMMON.

LAYING CORNER STONE M. E. CHURCH.

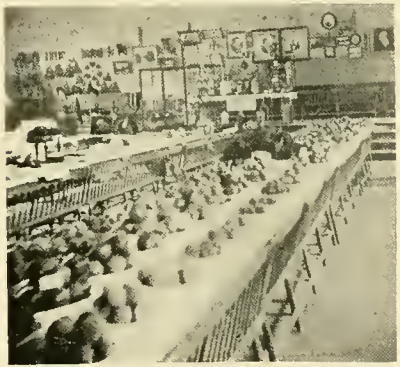
E. G. Davis' Views.

MONUMENT SQUARE FROM THE COMMON, 1895.

LOOKING DOWN PARK STREET, 1895.

FOSTER'S CORNER AND BANK BLOCK.

ALLEN'S CORNER, FROM MONUMENT.



FARMERS AND MECHANICS' FAIR, OLD TOWN HALL.

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L. A. Richardson's Views.

A. W. Cowdrey. G. H. Gallup. F. Gardner. Capt. Jorgensen. C. A. Lamb. E. B. Rollins.
Capt. C. H. Stevens. J. G. Snow. J. Q. A. Tripp. G. E. Wilder. C. B. Wood. R. H. Carter.
J. F. Crosby. W. H. Johnson. J. M. Mellen. J. E. Marshall. J. C. Ready. C. H. Sinclair.

ROLL OF HONOR, 1861–1865.

Lt. A. R. Glover. A. H. Carter. C. H. Derby. H. K. Derby. L. Goodrich. L. R. Gallup.
A. B. Osborn. J. F. Owens. A. L. Wilder. J. McDonough. D. Butterfield. E. A. Ellick.
J. B. Foster. E. Hardy. A. W. Johnson. M. L. Jordan. J. M. Lewis. L. Richardson.

ROLL OF HONOR, 1861–1865.

LEOMINSTER HOME FOR OLD LADIES, PEARL STREET.

PEARL STREET FROM PLEASANT.

PLEASANT STREET, NEAR POND.

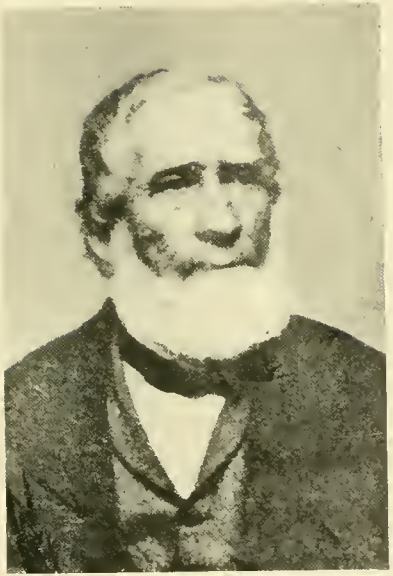
GARDNER PLACE, FROM WEST STREET.

RAILROAD BRIDGE AT NORTH LEOMINSTER.

OLD BRICK SCHOOLHOUSE, PLEASANT STREET.

BIRDSEYE VIEW FROM LINCOLN FARM.

GARDNER HOUSE, SITE OF A. A. TISDALE'S RESIDENCE.



JACOB PUFFER (1802–1880).

Served his apprenticeship with Bezaleel Gibson and manufactured combs. He engaged in wholesale peddling business afterwards with his son Charles, under the firm name of J. Puffer & Co., horn dealers.

CHARLES GROUT (1789–1876).

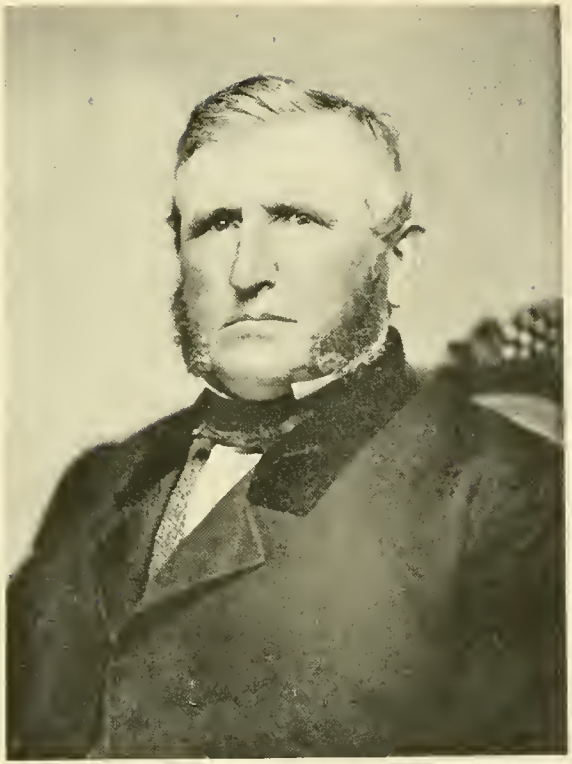
Surveyor, conveyancer, farmer and justice of the peace. Represented Leominster in the legislature in 1830–'31–'32. Held responsible offices in town and in the First Parish church.

THE OLD ROBBINS HOMESTEAD, NORTH MAIN STREET.

This is one of the very old houses of Leominster, having been in the possession of the Robbins family for four generations. There appears to be no record of when the old red house was built, but it is known that Elizabeth Robbins, widow of Daniel Robbins, sold it in 1791 to Thomas Robbins, Sr., her son, who was grandfather of Walter T. Robbins.

THOMAS ROBBINS (1804–1859).

In company with Joshua Lincoln, carried freight from Leominster to Boston. They owned a large tract of land in the vicinity of Water Street. Mr. Robbins was agent of the United States and Canada Express from the opening of the Fitchburg Railroad to the time of his death.



EDMUND H. NICHOLS (1808–1874).

Was for several years a comb manufacturer, in which business he accumulated what was considered a large fortune and retired from active business. Although not holding public office, his influence was felt throughout the community.

GARDNER MORSE (1811-1894).

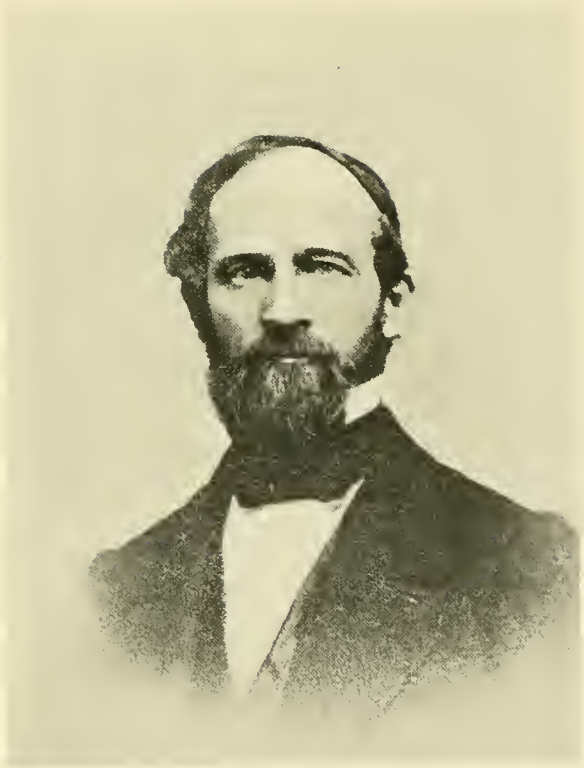
Apprenticed four years to Bezaleel Gibson. Bought last three months of his time, starting in comb business for himself. Active and prominent business man for over fifty years. Morseville up to 1861 was a very busy part of Leominster.

MAJ. GEN. AUGUSTUS MORSE (1817-1888).

Learned comb making and was in company with his brother Gardner until 1861. Served in M. V. M. as captain, colonel, brigadier and major-general, resigning in 1861. Subsequently colonel 21st M.V., and U. S. quartermaster. Selectman, collector of taxes and 14 years justice of peace.

M. DAMON (1813–1871).

Comb manufacturer, for several years opposite the No. 8 school house, then in what was afterwards the Frank Gates shop on Monoosnock Brook, rear of Kendall Place. Mr. Damon invented the swing jaw cutting machine and other labor saving appliances.



DAVID HOWE (1796–1868).

Carried on business with James Hersey at the corner of Union and Central Streets; afterwards interested in the Union Comb Co. He was also a dealer in horns. During the civil war he was a deputy provost marshal in Boston.

RESIDENCE AND HORSE-POWER COMB SHOP OF DEA. CHARLES HILLS.

Dea. Charles Hills carried on the comb business in the shop known as the "Horse-Power Building," shown in this picture directly opposite his residence, as well as in the building at the left on the opposite page. Both of these buildings, as well as the barn, still retain their old-time appearance of fifty years ago. The horse-power was located in the basement, and in the room above the polishing and rubbing of the combs was done. The pasture back of the "Horse-Power" was the rendezvous on old "Election Day" of the old and young men of the neighborhood, as well as many from the Center, who came together to play "round ball" and have a rousing good time generally. The old-time name for this section of the town was the "Hills Road," but it was more commonly called "Manchester."

COMB SHOP OF DEA. CHARLES HILLS AND RESIDENCE OF CAPT. THOMAS HILLS.

In the building on the left the combs were made ready to be polished and rubbed, then taken to the room shown in the end of the building, where they were finished and packed for the market. Many of the old-time residents will associate this building with the turkey shootings which were wont to take place in the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day from the rear of the shop, the targets being located on a little knoll. A live turkey would seldom be put up to be shot at, but oftener a board or several sheets of gingerbread tied together would be used for a mark. The house shown in the distance was for many years the residence of Capt. Thomas Hills, who also was an extensive manufacturer of combs many years ago in shops connected with the house, but long since removed.

CAPT. THOMAS HILLS (1785–1851).

Was for years one of the principal early comb makers of the town. Identified with the militia in the war of 1812. Was stationed with his company at Fort Warren, Boston Harbor.

JONAS COLBURN (1798–1873).

Was for fifty years a successful comb manufacturer. Was the first man who used cotton cloth balls for polishing combs, and the first and only maker who made rolled-over combs.

THE OLD COMB SHOP OF JONAS COLBURN & SON, PLEASANT STREET.

WM. M. HOWLAND HOUSE, MAIN STREET.

Residence of Clarence Kenney.

HOUSE NEAR KING'S CORNER

Where First Town Meeting was Held. (Destroyed by Fire.)

J. AUGUSTUS KENDALL HOUSE, 1862.

Houghton Hill in the Distance.

LAWRENCE HOUSE, PLEASANT STREET, IN 1880.

Located on what is now Kendall Place.

JOSLIN & WILLIAMS' FACTORY, WATER STREET.

CHARLES L. JOSLIN (1823–1893).

Son of Major Elias Joslin. Apprenticed to Thos. G. and Joseph G. Merriam. Was in comb business successively with Dana Graham, E. G. Adams, W. L. Palmer and A. W. Williams, and later with Mr. Williams, retiring in 1883. Was director in National Bank and vice president of Savings Bank. Several years selectman and representative to legislature.

BENJAMIN F. BLODGETT.

Born in Chesterfield, N. H., in 1822. Came to Leominster in 1842. Worked at comb making for G. & A. Morse and Joslin & Adams. Member of last named firm three years. Bought out the firm in 1863. Afterwards with James B. Gallup and in firm of B. F. Blodgett & Co. Has served the town for years as overseer of the poor.

RESIDENCE OF HON. GEORGE F. MORSE, WEST STREET.

RESIDENCE OF ALBERT G. MORSE, BLOSSOM STREET.

SAMUEL MERRIAM (1818–1880).

Native of Mason, N. H. Came to Leominster in 1864, and with Messrs. George Hall and S. C. Pickard, engaged in the manufacture of furniture under the firm name of Merriam, Hall & Co. Chairman board of selectmen, director First National Bank, deacon of Central Baptist Church, and superintendent of its Sunday school several years.

GEORGE HALL (1831–1894).

Born in Mason, N. H. Several years in cabinet making business in Nashua, N. H. In 1864, with Messrs. Merriam and Pickard, established the furniture business of Merriam, Hall & Co. Was a member of the water board from its origin, representative to legislature, and director in the Leominster National Bank and Safety Fund National Bank of Fitchburg.

VIEW OF GARDNER HILL.

Richardson, Photo.

WILLIAM MILTON HOWLAND (1817–1874).

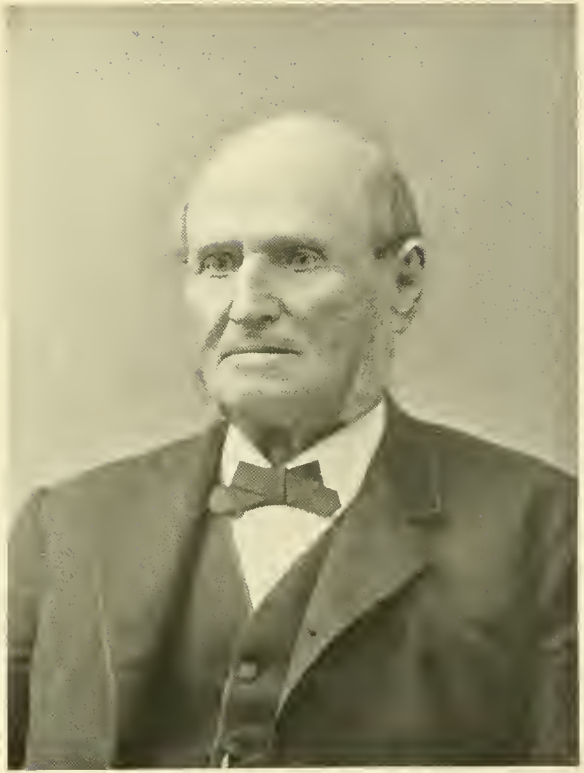
Several years with John H. Lockey in the firm of Lockey & Howland. In 1866, retiring from business. Served as treasurer of water board, chairman building committee and member organ committee when the present Orthodox church was built.

HON. JOHN H. LOCKEY (1823–1890).

Established the business of the J. H. Lockey Piano Case Co. in 1851. Also manufactured corn planters and apple parers with W. M. Howland. Served town in many positions of trust. President First National Bank; representative in 1866; State senator in 1867–'69.

DWIGHT B. LOOK (1820–1899).

Old-time comb manufacturer. Represented the town in the legislature in 1880–'81. Served on board of assessors, as auditor, collector of taxes, and overseer of the poor. Several years President of the Leominster Savings Bank.

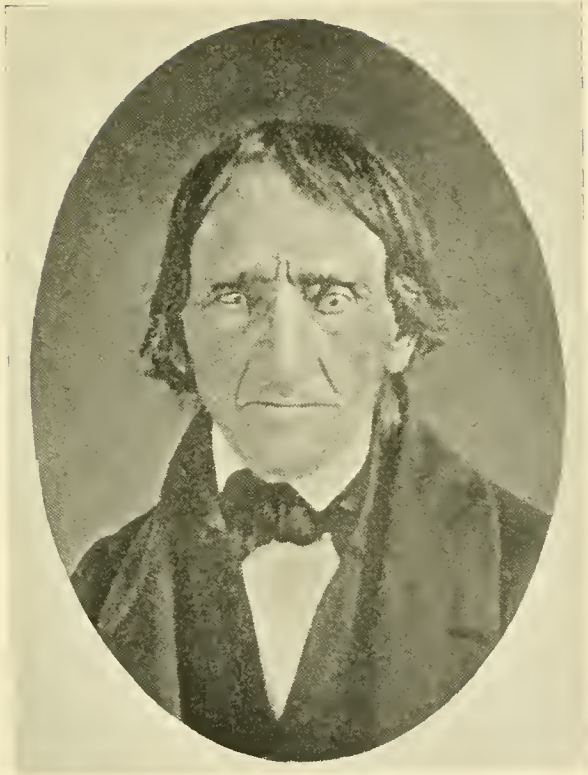


OLIVER G. CALDWELL (1805–1885).

Native of Lunenburg. Came to Leominster in 1855, and was for many years in company with S. A. Miller, under the firm name of Caldwell & Miller, tub manufacturers, retiring from active business in 1874.

THE OLD HILLS HOUSE, PLEASANT STREET.

Birthplace of the comb industry in Leominster. Built in the year 1759 by Elias Carter, and by him sold to Obadiah Hills in 1774. Here in that year, or soon after, Mr. Hills commenced to make combs from horns, the kitchen of his house being the first comb shop. The work then, and for many years after, was all done by hand.

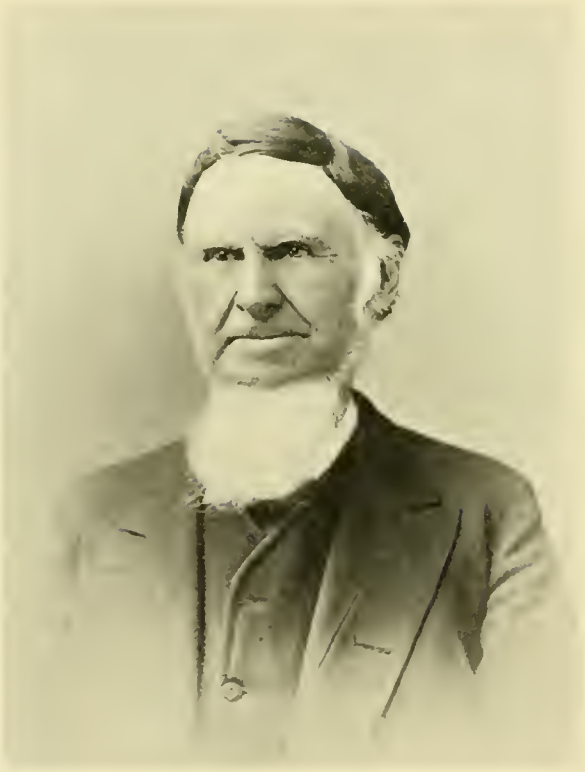


NATHANIEL CARTER (1770–1850).

Born at Stoddard, N. H., Nov. 29, 1770. Died on Bee Hill, Aug. 10, 1850. He lived on the Bee Hill Farm, occupied before him by his father and grandfather.

ANNA FARWELL CARTER (1780–1851).

Born in Fitchburg, Mass., April 9, 1780. Widow of Thomas Carter, fourth; married a second time to Nathaniel Carter, and resided with him on Bee Hill Farm, where she died May 17, 1851.

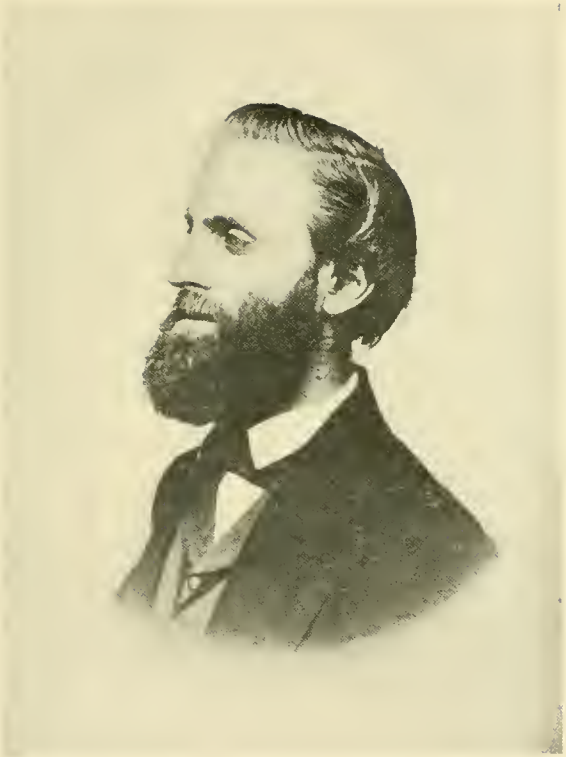


AMORY POLLARD (1804–1890).

Born March 19, 1804, in Lancaster (Old Common), Mass. Resided in Clinton, moving to Leominster about 1836; afterwards went to Sterling, and returned to Leominster in 1855, where he died August 30, 1890. Was one of the old school comb manufacturers and farmer.

EDWARD PREVEAR (1817–1899).

Watchmaker and jeweller in Leominster from 1858. Invented a transit instrument for ascertaining exact time. Was appointed by Gov. Claflin in 1870 commissioner for establishing meridian lines in each county of Massachusetts.



WILLIAM T. ALLEN (1831–1875).

For many years in the photograph business in Leominster. Many of the old views in this volume are taken from Mr. Allen's photographs.

DANIEL WALDO SALISBURY (1817–1890).

Son of Samuel and Nancy (Gardner) Salisbury, and grandson of Rev. Francis Gardner. For many years a resident in Leominster on the Salisbury estate, West Street.

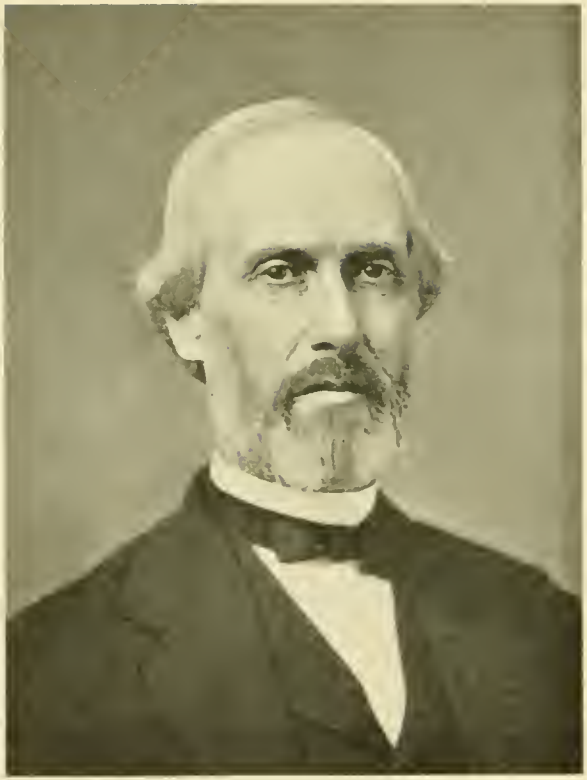
THE OLD DAVID HOUGHTON HOUSE. E. G. Davis, Photo.

FIREPLACE IN DAVID HOUGHTON HOUSE. E. G. Davis, Photo.

LEOMINSTER HOTEL AND SAWTELLE'S BLOCK. 1895.

UNITARIAN CHURCH AND FOSTER'S CORNER. 1895.

RESIDENCE OF FRANK B. WRIGHT, PLEASANT STREET, 1890.



CHARLES H. MERRIAM, ESQ. (1822-1883).

Began practice of the law in Leominster in 1852. Appointed trial justice; held almost every important town office; representative to legislature in 1869 '70 '71; represented his district in the Senate in 1878-'79.

CHAUNCEY W. CARTER, ESQ.

Born in Leominster Nov. 5, 1827. Began practice of the law in Gardner in 1857, returning to Leominster five years later. Served the town as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor. Appointed trial justice in 1883.

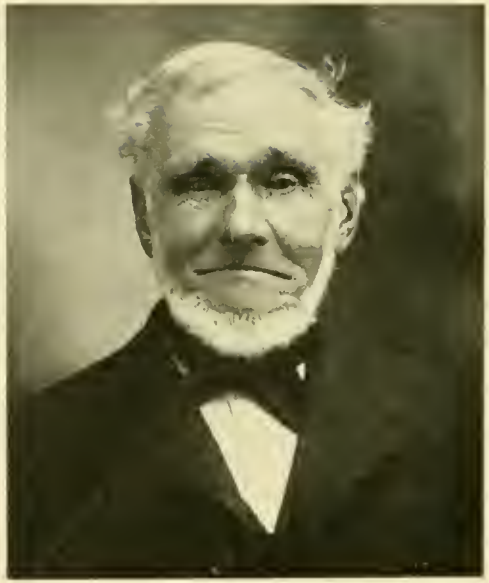
HAMILTON MAYO, ESQ.

Dartmouth, '73; Albany Law School, '74. Began practice in Leominster, 1875; appointed trial justice, 1883. Several years member of school committee. President Leominster Nat. Bank since its organization in 1884.

HARRY C. BASCOM, ESQ.

Born in Holden, Mass., 1866. Tufts College, '89. Studied at Boston University law school and with J. T. and R. E. Joslin, Hudson, Mass. Began practice in Leominster in 1892. Appointed trial justice in 1895.

WHITING GATES PLACE.



WHITING GATES (1815—).

Mr. Gates is one of the oldest native residents of Leominster. He was born in 1815, and with the exception of three or four years in Worcester, has been a life-long resident of the town. While in Worcester he served as constable and deputy sheriff under Calvin Willard, the dignified high sheriff of Worcester County. In 1862 he returned to Leominster and settled on and for thirty years occupied what is known as the Whiting Gates place, in the easterly part of the town. The farmhouse here shown was built in 1801 by John Divoll, the grandfather of Mr. Gates. For several years Mr. Gates was interested in the grist and saw mill established by Dr. James Carter, rebuilding the dam. Gates & Harris also manufactured horn buttons there. This was afterwards the linen mill site; later, the Leominster Park was located here, and the present street railway power house built. In 1892 Mr. Gates sold his farm and built and removed to his present Lancaster Street residence.

RESIDENCE OF WALTER T. ROBBINS, MERRIAM AVENUE. Richardson, Photo.

F. A. WHITNEY GARDEN, FROM MERRIAM AVENUE.

Geo. P. Jones, Photo.

RESIDENCE OF F. A. WHITNEY, GROVE AVENUE.

FRANCIS A. WHITNEY.

Native of Westminster, Mass., but for more than fifty years a resident and prominent business man of Leominster. One of the founders of the F. A. Whitney carriage industry, the Whitney Reed Chair Co., Wachusett Shirt Co., and the United States Thread Co.

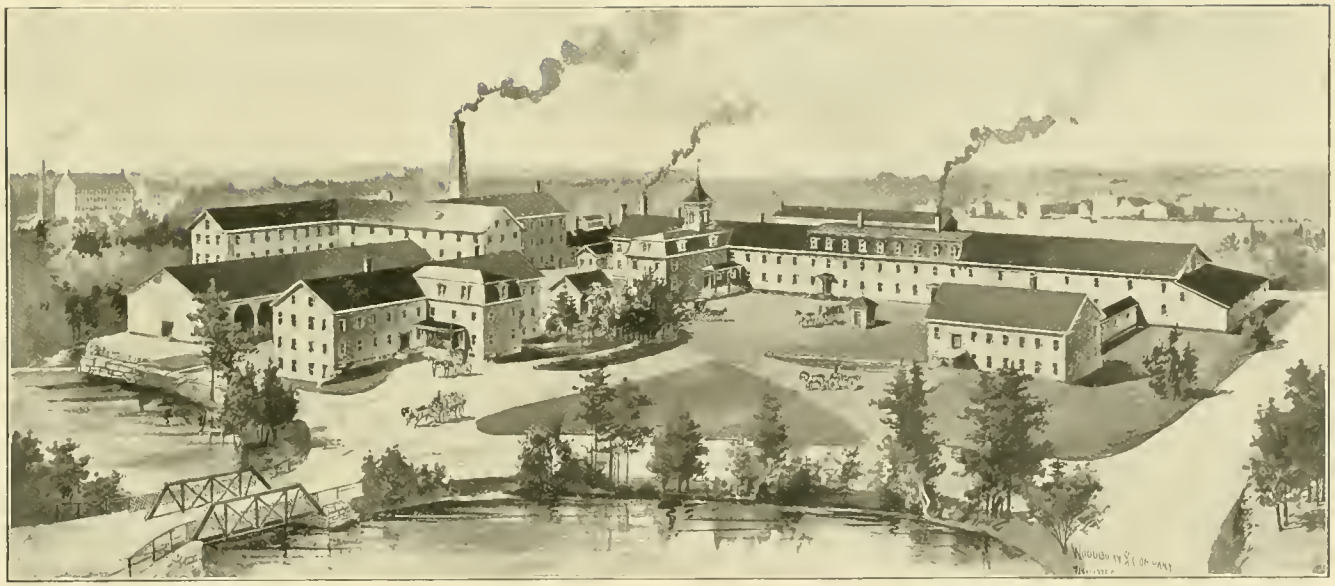
WHITNEY LAKE. VIEWS TAKEN AT THE HEAD OF THE LAKE.

Geo. P. Jones, Photo.

"LAKESIDE," FROM WHITNEY LAKE.

Geo. P. Jones, Photo.

FACTORY NO. 2 AND LAUNDRY OF WACHUSETT SHIRT COMPANY, WATER STREET.



FACTORIES OF THE F. A. WHITNEY CARRIAGE COMPANY.

CHARLES A. WHEELER, M. D.

Graduated in 1856. Entered the army in 1861 as private in the 15th Mass. Vols.; was appointed assistant surgeon in 1862, and served in that capacity until mustered out in 1864. Has served on school board.

HENRY R. BROWN, M. D.

Born in Loudon, N. H. Commenced study of medicine in 1862; same year enlisted in Co. G, 15th N. H. V. Afterwards resumed studies and graduated in 1867 at the N. Y. Homœopathic Medical College. Practiced in Waterbury, Conn.; located in Leominster since 1869.

CHARLES E. BIGELOW, M. D.

Born in Danielsonville, Conn. Brown University, '78; Jefferson Medical College, '82. Located in Leominster same year; is chairman Leominster Board of Health, and director and member of investment committee Leominster Co-operative Bank.

EDWARD J. CUTTER, M. D. (1855–1900).

Harvard College, '77, Harvard Medical School, '81. House pupil and house surgeon Boston City Hospital, '80–'82; assistant resident physician State almshouse, Tewksbury. Resigned as resident physician at Boston City Hospital to come to Leominster in 1884.

HON. EDWARD F. BLODGETT.

Native of Leominster. Firm of B. F. Blodgett & Co., comb manufacturers. President Leominster Electric Light and Power Co. Several terms chairman Republican town committee; member legislature, 1893–'94; Senator, 1900–'01.

ABNER W. POLLARD.

Son of Amory Pollard. In early life was in the merchant tailoring and clothing business, and was one of the founders of the largest fashion publishing company in the world and its treasurer for thirty years.

RESIDENCE OF ABNER W. POLLARD, WEST STREET.

Richardson, Photo.

RESIDENCE OF GEORGE S. JONES, BLOSSOM STREET.

Geo. P. Jones, Photo.

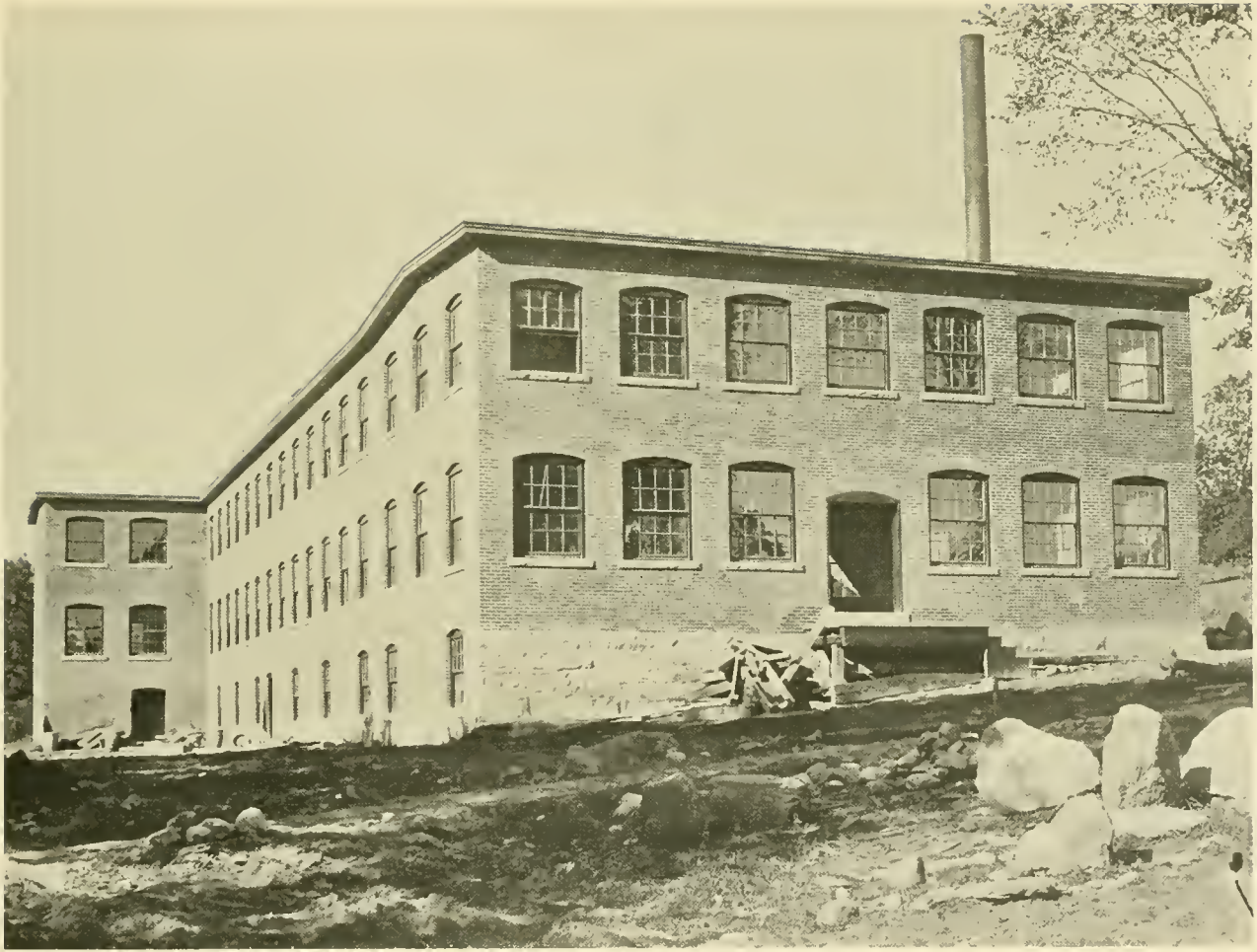
GEORGE S. JONES.

Born in Jaffrey, N. H., in 1832. Carried on the tin and hardware business in Fitchburg; bought and furnished horses for the government; bought out Cowdrey & Knapp, and carried on business in Leominster until 1873. Built the Leominster Hotel in 1874-'75.

GEORGE P. JONES.

Son of George S. Jones and a native of Leominster. Is travelling salesman and junior member of the Wachusett Shirt Company.

VIEW OF PATON'S POND AND FACTORY OF PATON MANUFACTURING CO., CENTRAL STREET.



PLANT OF THE VISCOLOID COMPANY.

RESIDENCE OF A. S. PATON, MERRIAM AVENUE.

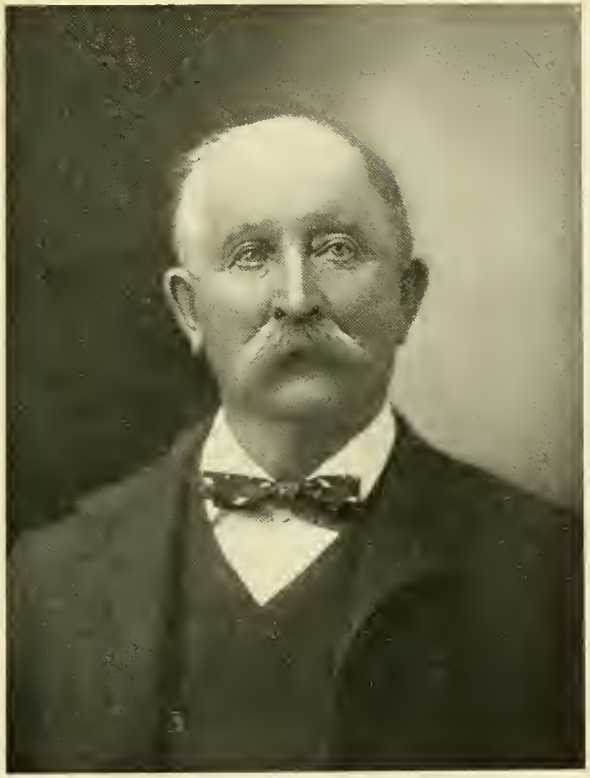
A. S. PATON.

Has lived in Leominster thirty years. President of the Paton Manufacturing, the Horn and Supply and the Viscoloid Companies. Selectman 1891–'2–'3; representative 1898–'9–1900. Identified with many of the fraternal organizations. Is a prominent and enterprising business man.

B. W. DOYLE.

One of the younger business men of Leominster. Born here Oct. 29, 1873; graduate of public schools; entered employ of Horn and Supply Co. in 1892; now secretary and manager of the Horn and Supply Co., secretary and treasurer Paton Mfg. Co., and secretary and treasurer Viscoloid Co.

FACTORY OF HORN AND SUPPLY COMPANY.



STEPHEN A. TISDALE.

Born in Leominster, Nov. 18, 1828. Supt. Horn and Supply Co. since its incorporation. Apprenticed seven years to Edmund H. Nichols. A designer and engraver for Graham & Joslin, G. & A. Morse, and Joslin & Adams. One of the organizers of the Union Comb Co., doing all the designing. Was the first to jig-saw back combs by power, and first to cut open work on a single and double split mandrel machine. His most important invention was the use of steam in clarifying horn. Veteran of civil war; member of Post 53, G. A. R., and Wilder Lodge, A. F. and A. M.

ANN ELIZABETH (WHITCOMB) TISDALE.

Married to Stephen A. Tisdale November 27, 1856.

GEORGE E. TISDALE.

Native of Leominster. Piano maker by trade. Served in First Regt. M. V. band in civil war. Farmer and grader for the past sixteen years, the lawns and grounds of Leominster's best residences giving evidence of his artistic ability and skill as a grader.

TARISSA OPHELIA (DAVIS) TISDALE.

Married to George E. Tisdale November 21, 1849.

MAIN STREET RESIDENCE OF HAMILTON MAYO, ESQ.

Richardson, Photo.

HARRY L. PIERCE.

President Bradford Traction Co., Bradford, Pa., Laconia (N. H.) Street Railway Co., and treasurer and general manager Electric Phosphate Co. President of the Country Club of Leominster. One of the organizers and president of Fitchburg and Suburban Street Railway until its recent consolidation. Born in Somerville, Mass., June 6, 1865.

HERBERT E. BARTLETT.

Manufacturer of toys and wood novelties under the firm name of H. E. Bartlett & Co. Several years in the variety wood turning business, enlarging his business in 1895. Removed to his Lancaster street factory in 1897, to accommodate his increasing trade.

KENDALL BLOCK, MECHANIC STREET.

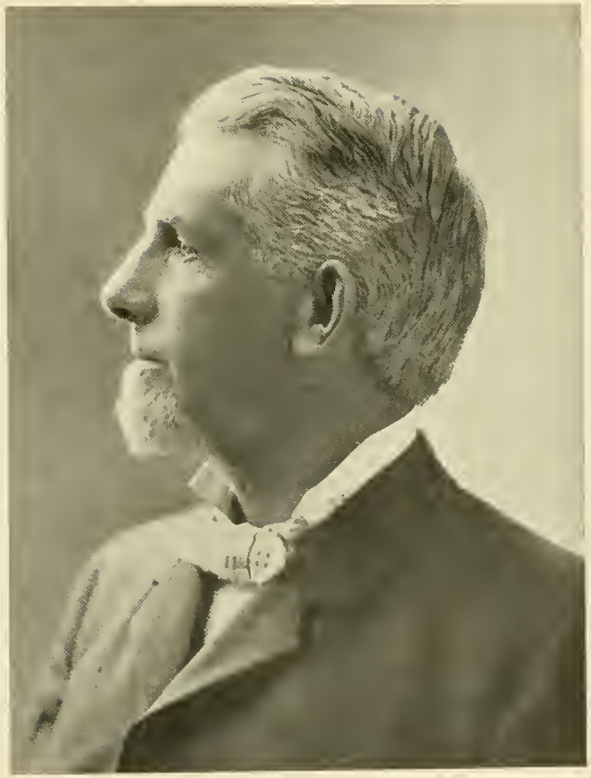
Richardson, Photo.

INTERIOR VIEW OF GEORGE M. KENDALL'S GREENHOUSE, NORTH MAIN STREET. Kivlan, Photo.

Dimensions 250 x 80 feet. The largest greenhouse devoted to the growth of cucumbers, lettuce and market garden produce in Worcester County.

HENRIETTA (CONANT) KENDALL.

Married to George M. Kendall, Oct. 10, 1863.



GEORGE M. KENDALL.

Selectman, 1898. Introduced the idea of growing cucumbers, lettuce and garden produce for the out of season market 25 years ago. Also, contractor and builder of nearly all of the greenhouses in this and surrounding towns devoted to the same purpose.

RESIDENCE OF J. W. H. LAWRENCE, MAIN STREET.

Richardson, Photo.

JOHN W. H. LAWRENCE.

Native of Concord, Mass. Worked at cabinet business in Leominster, 1865–'74, when he engaged with S. A. Miller in the manufacture of tubs and pails. Later in the clothing business with his son, Clifford C.

CLIFFORD C. LAWRENCE.

Son of J. W. H. Lawrence. Native of Leominster and graduate of Leominster schools. Since engaged in the retail clothing business with his father in the firm of C. C. Lawrence & Co.

P. H. KILLILEA.

In the insurance business, and member of the firm of F. L. Barrett & Co., real estate dealers. Was connected with fire department; clerk of Clipper Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, and served on board of engineers.

CHARLES S. PERRY.

Was for several years engaged in the drug business at the Whittier stand on Monument square; has since been in the insurance business.

ROLLIN B. ANDREWS.

Born in Conway, N. H., April 16, 1855. In paper hanging and grocery business in Fitchburg: removed to Leominster in 1877, buying out G. E. Litchfield in the old Hotel Block, in 1883 removing to present location.

WILLIAM A. LASSELLE.

Chief of Police of Leominster since 1890. Was appointed on the force May, 1886. Is a native of Norway, Me., coming to Leominster in 1884.

HERBERT P. PREVEAR.

President Star Button Company and proprietor Leominster Button Company. Son of Edward Prevear. Educated in Leominster schools and Annapolis Naval Academy.

WILLIAM B. EARL.

Travelling salesman for W. D. Earl & Co. Son of William D. Earl. Educated in the public schools and is a graduate of Dartmouth College.

E. H. ROCKWELL.

Field high school, '87; W. P. I., '90. With Morrison, civil engineer, Chicago; two years with Norcross Bros., Worcester. In business with his father and teacher in high school. Since with Boston Bridge Co. as civil engineer and expert in steel construction in navy department; instructor in steel construction and designing Y. M. Institute evening class.

HERBERT E. McDONNELL.

Graduate of the Field high school, and for seven years carried on a large electrical construction business. Recently became interested in the Automatic Telegraph Company and is now promoting their interests.

WILBUR N. MAYNARD.

Born in Leominster Aug. 27, 1854. Was for several years a comb maker, and for a time manufactured piano stools. Since 1878 has built up the extensive business of the Star Enamel Co., of which he is the proprietor.

SYLVANDER F. MAYNARD.

Born in Leominster Oct. 12, 1841. Enlisted in Co. A, 15th Regt. M. V., July 12, 1861, and was with his regiment in all its engagements to battle of Savage Station, Va.; there wounded, taken prisoner, confined on Belle Isle, exchanged Aug. 5, 1862, discharged July 15, 1864, having served full time. Adjt. C. H. Stevens Post 53 G. A. R., six years; commander in 1895.

JOSEPH L. MILLER,

Leominster correspondent of FITCHBURG SENTINEL.

GEORGE FRANK KENDALL.

In employ of George M. Kendall, plumbing, steam and hot water heating, greenhouse building, etc.

RESIDENCE OF EDWARD B. TILTON, WASHINGTON STREET.

Richardson, Photo.

RESIDENCE OF GEORGE A. GANE, MERRIAM AVENUE.

GEORGE A. GANE.

President G. A. Gane Shirt Co. For several years a skilful maker of custom shirts in Fitchburg, coming to Leominster in 1881 to take charge of the shirt manufacturing, which was then in its infancy.

RESIDENCE OF S. A. STEVENS, GROVE AVENUE.

RESIDENCE OF E. M. ROCKWELL, GROVE AVENUE.

S. A. STEVENS.

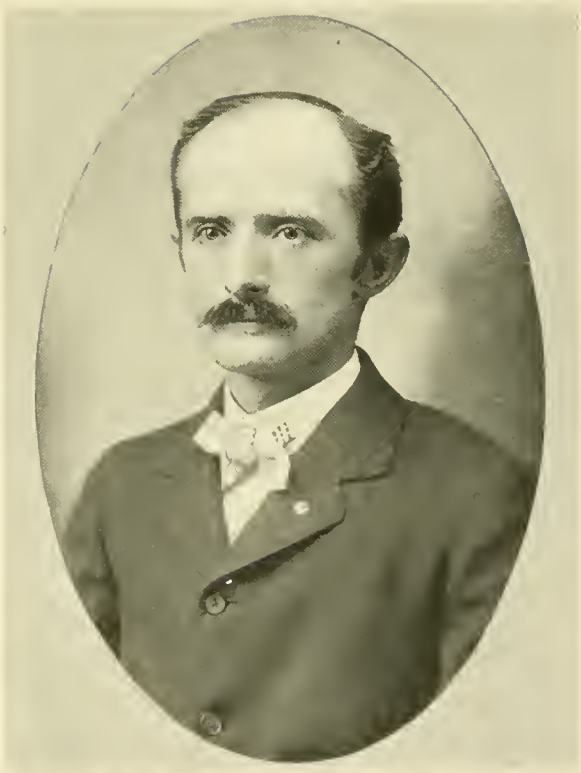
President Leominster Board of Trade, and a member of the water board

E. M. ROCKWELL.

Vice-President Leominster Board of Trade. Prominent woolen manufacturer. Several years chairman of school committee.

GEORGE G. LAWRENCE.

Secretary Leominster Board of Trade; deputy sheriff.



F. J. LOTHROP.

Treasurer Leominster Board of Trade; cashier Leominster National Bank.

THOMAS J. AMES.

Came to Leominster in 1850. Served in Co. A. 36th Regt. Mass. Vols., and is a past commander of Post 53. G. A. R.; also served on staff of Commander in-Chief. Has for past twenty-one years been a clerk in the railway postal service.

THOMAS A. HILLS.

Son of Capt. Thomas Hills. Served in Co. C. 53d Mass. Vols., and later in Co. E. 5th Mass. Vols. Lieut. of Co. K. 10th Regt. M. V. M. Has been postmaster since 1874. Is a past commander of Post 53. G. A. R.

WOOSTER F. DODGE.

Native of Leominster. Enlisted in First Mass. Infantry Band in '61. Re-enlisted in Fourth Mass. Heavy Artillery. Piano maker several years; now manufacturer of paper boxes. Member G. A. R.; five years selectman — three as clerk and one as chairman.

WALTER T. ROBBINS.

Succeeded to the express business on the death of his father in 1859. Was agent for the United States and Canada until 1882, when he accepted the agency of the New York and Boston Despatch Express. Also interested for several years in the livery business.

AUGUSTUS L. WHITNEY.

Chairman board of selectmen; member Leominster board of health; superintendent of National Fibre Board Co.'s works, North Leominster.

FRANK S. FARNSWORTH.

Clerk of the board of selectmen; bookkeeper for J. B. Farnsworth; several years town auditor.

WILL G. DERBY.

Son of Cephas Derby. Several years a member of the board of assessors.

GEORGE H. DERBY.

Son of Cephas Derby. Inventor of the Derby Roll Top Desk.

COLUMBIA HOTEL, MAIN STREET.

A. E. Lyon, Builder.

ALBERT E. LYON.

RESIDENCE, 1 ARLINGTON STREET.

Native of Chelmsford, Mass. Came to Leominster in 1870 and worked at his trade for Stillman A. Meads and A. E. Litchfield until 1873, since which time he has carried on the contracting and building business for himself. Many of the best residences and public buildings in this and adjoining towns were built under his direction.

FACTORY OF DAMON, HOWE & CO., 1894.

GEORGE R. DAMON.

Comb manufacturer. Twenty years connected with fire department, five as chief and ten on board of Engineers. Served in civil war in 36th M. V., and in Mass. 6th.

CHARLES H. HOWE.

Comb manufacturer. Associated with G. R. Damon in firm of Damon, Howe & Co. Previous to 1878 worked at the furniture and piano business.

1886

1901

GRAIN STORE OF BOSWORTH & WOOD, PLEASANT STREET, CORNER OF PEARL.

This was the old Allen Building, corner of Pleasant and Park streets, which was moved to its present location to make way for the Allen (brick) Block. The two views show the recent improvements made in ts exterior appearance

M. H. BOSWORTH.

Native of West Boylston. Came to Leominster in 1881. Bought grist mill and grain store of Cousins & Son. Is now associated with B. F. Wood under the firm name of Bosworth & Wood.

BENJ. F. WOOD.

Native of Westminster, Mass. In 1873 came to Leominster, where for twenty years he has been engaged in the grain business, for the past ten years with M. H. Bosworth.

HON. GEORGE F. MORSE.

Son of Gardner Morse; native of Leominster. Prominent in town and state affairs many years. Member of the Governor's council, library trustee, and a director in Leom. Gas Co. and Wachusett Nat. Bank, Fitchburg.

HON. SOLON A. CARTER.

Son of Solon Carter; native of Leominster. State Treasurer of New Hampshire. Served as captain in 14th N. H. Infantry and Assistant Adjutant General, U. S. V., during the rebellion.

RESIDENCE OF ARTHUR C. MERRIMAN, SCHOOL STREET. Richardson, Photo.

FRANK J. WOODBURY.

Proprietor of the Jewett Piano Co.; connected with the factory from boyhood. Member of the fire department for several years; now on the board of engineers.

HENRY F. SAWTELLE.

Native of Bolton, Mass. Started in the hardware business in Leominster in 1888, in firm of Sawtelle & Estabrook; subsequently bought out his partner's interest and now conducts the business alone.

WILLIAM S. REED.

Treasurer Concord, Maynard & Hudson Street Railway Co. In 1874 established the toy business, and was president of the W. S. Reed Toy Co. Since interested in mining and street railway enterprises.

CHARLES E. DRESSER.

Treasurer Waltham Street Railway Co. Was engaged in the drug business in Leominster from 1875 to 1881. Afterwards treasurer W. S. Reed Toy Co. More recently interested in street railway business.

A. EUGENE NEWTON.

Firm of Newton & Merriman. Connected with the comb business nearly all his life. Present business established in 1892 by Mr. Newton and F. W. Osgood.

ARTHUR C. MERRIMAN.

Associated with A. E. Newton in the firm of Newton & Merriman, having purchased the interest of F. W. Osgood in 1893.

EDWARD B. TILTON.

Native of Leominster. In business since 1880 with George H. Cook (firm of Tilton & Cook) in the manufacture of combs and jewelry.

CLEMENT H. TENNEY.

Manufacturer of horn and celluloid goods (firm of Tenney & Porter) since 1886. Learned his trade of Jonas Colburn.

DR. F. E. NIMS.

Native of Rowe, Mass. Educated in Shelburne Falls Academy and Pennsylvania Dental College of Philadelphia. In Leominster since 1873, and in his present office all but the first eleven months of the time.

LUCIUS A. RICHARDSON.

The veteran photographer, who has for many years carried on the business in Leominster. Many of the views and portraits for this book were made by him.

WILLARD F. LAWRENCE.

Manager of the Union Coal Company in Leominster. Has been engaged in the coal business for fifteen years. Is a director and member of investment committee Leominster Co-operative Bank.

ALFRED L. WALKER.

Graduate Wesleyan Academy. Several years in real estate and insurance business. Secretary of Board of Trade 1894-1900. P. G. of Leominster Lodge, I. O. O. F., and secretary board of trustees M. E. church.

RESIDENCE OF A. A. TISDALE, WEST STREET.

Richardson, Photo.

ALBERT A. TISDALE.

President of the Whitney Reed Chair Co. and Treasurer of the Horn and Supply Co. Several years with the Union Comb Co.; afterwards member of the firm of S. A. Tisdale & Co., and later A. A. Tisdale & Co.

EDWARD R. TISDALE.

Manufacturer of horn goods and novelties. Proprietor of the Bay State Comb Company.

LANCASTER STREET SCHOOL, ERECTED 1900.

PRIEST STREET SCHOOL.

SPRUCE STREET SCHOOL.

LANCASTER STREET SCHOOL (REAR VIEW).

GEORGE STREET SCHOOL (REAR VIEW).

PROF. CHARLES F. NIXON, PH. C.

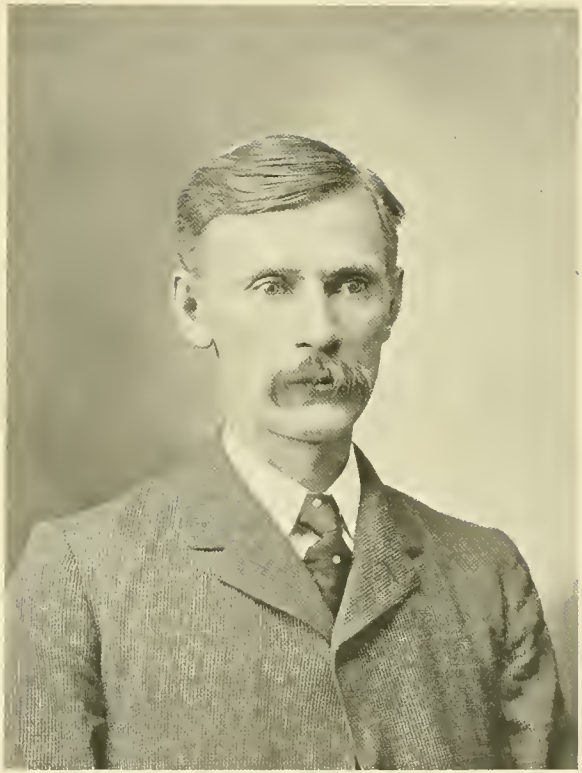
Established in the drug business in Leominster since 1879. Has been President of the Mass. State Pharmaceutical Association; is now President Mass. State Board of Registration in Pharmacy, and Professor of Materia Medica and Botany in Mass. College of Pharmacy. Served the town four years on the school committee, two years as its chairman.

H. PORTER HALL, M. D.

Native of Kennebunk, Me. College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York; Maine Medical College, 1873; student in London hospitals; practiced in Portland, Me.; settled in Leominster in 1876. Served on school board; now chairman.

APPLETON H. PIERCE, M. D.

Field High School, '87; Harvard, '92; Harvard Medical School, '95; interne Boston Lunatic Hospital, '93; Worcester City Hospital, '94; assistant physician Worcester Insane Hospital, '95–'96; began practice in Leominster January, 1897. On school board since '99.



J. A. STOWELL.

Native of Claremont, N. H. Has been a manufacturer of machinery in Leominster since 1873. Served several years on the library committee, and is a member of the school board.

HON. JOEL D. MILLER.

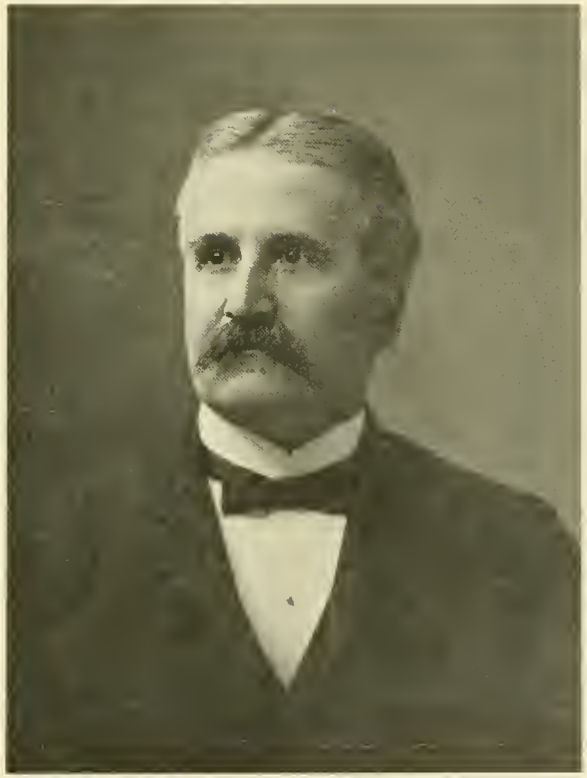
Born in Athol, Oct. 10, 1837. Athol high school, Bernardstown academy, Williams, '64. Taught in Jewett, N. Y.; principal Athol high school; principal Field high school, Leominster, 1867 to 1892. Member Senate 1894–'5–'6. Editor Leominster Enterprise from 1885.

JOHN G. THOMPSON, A. M.

Dartmouth, '86. Taught in New Hampshire and Massachusetts grammar and high schools. Superintendent of school district including Northboro, Southboro, Shrewsbury and Berlin; superintendent Leominster schools 1891 '95. Principal State normal school at Fitchburg since 1895.

THOMAS E. THOMPSON.

Received his preparation for educational work in Illinois. Since 1885 has been engaged in this work in Saxton's River, Vt., Fitzwilliam, N. H., Sandwich, Wellesley and Lawrence, Mass. Was called to Leominster as superintendent of schools in 1895.



WILLIAM E. PULSIFER, A. M.

Westbrook Seminary and Bates College; principal Stoughton high school, 1876–'83; superintendent of schools, Leominster, 1883–'84; N. E. manager Ginn & Co., publishers, 1885–'89; member firm D. C. Heath & Co., publishers, 1889–1901; member city government, Somerville, 1888–'89; President Union League Club, Brooklyn, 1898–'99.

THE GARDNER PARSONAGE, WHERE NOW STANDS THE SALISBURY MANSION, WEST STREET. RESIDENCE OF DR. A. H. PIERCE. E. G. Davis, Photo.

The parsonage was built in 1763 by Rev. Francis Gardner, second minister of the town. It was burned while being moved in 1860.

E. G. Davis, Photo.

SALISBURY POND AND GARDNER HILL. (From Residence of Dr. A. H. Pierce.)

Previous to 1850 there was an orchard of seventy-five apple trees where this beautiful sheet of water now is.

DOUBLE PHOTO OF EDMUND G. DAVIS, TAKEN IN, 1865.

Reproduced from Stereoscopic View.

The taking of these double pictures, which is now attracting so much attention as something new in photography, was very successfully done in Leominster by Mr. Davis at least thirty-six years ago.

GEN. TOM THUMB AND MINNIE WARREN.

One of the attractions at an entertainment in the Unitarian Church, years ago, in which Leominster's genial town clerk took a leading part.

"ED" BLODGETT IN 1865,

Looking forward to Senator Blodgett of 1901. Reproduced from one of E. G. Davis' double pictures, taken at his studio in Allen's Block.

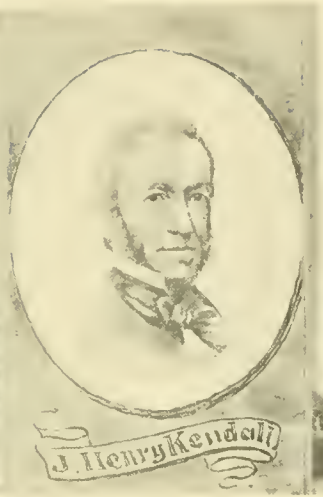
JAMES M. BRONSON.

The veteran librarian, holding that position from 1864, when the Town Hall was raised and the library fitted up, until his resignation this year, 1901. Mr. Bronson is a Grand Army man, having served in Co. D, 2d Regt. R. I. Infantry.

EDMUND G. DAVIS.

A lineal descendant of Gershom and Tamar Houghton, the first settlers of the town. Began photography in a travelling car on the old training field; afterwards in Allen's Block. Later with his father in the upholstery business. He still indulges in landscape photography as a pastime.

OLD TOWN HALL REMODELLED.



KENDALL HALL, N. LEOMINSTER.

"UNCLE JAMES" AND THE CURFEW.

Jonas Henry Kendall will be remembered as one of the generous benefactors of the town. He died in 1862. By his will, besides minor bequests to individuals and a gift to the town of a fine bell for the town house and $5000 for a hall and school room at North Leominster, he bequeathed $5000 for a Free Public Library, the income of $10,000 for the support of the high school, and the income of $3000 for the benefit of the school at North Leominster. Previous to that time the bell given by Joel Crosby in 1823 was expected to ring the evening curfew, but when that given by Mr. Kendall was placed in the town hall belfry it became the curfew bell, and the janitor of the hall was the bell ringer appointed by the town. For the past thirty-seven years the bell has been rung by the veteran librarian, Mr. James M. Bronson.

CALEB BLODGETT.

Principal of High School 1856–58. Studied law and practiced in Boston. Was appointed Judge of the Superior Court in 1882.

REV. SAMUEL H. VIRGIN, D. D., LL. D.

Principal of High School 1864–66. Afterwards pastor of Broadway Cong'l Church, Somerville, Mass., and Pilgrim Church, New York, of which, since Jan. 1, 1900, he has been pastor emeritus. He has written much for publication, and served as Chairman of the Publishing Committee of the American Tract Society.

HALSEY J. BOARDMAN.

Principal of High School in 1858. Studied law and practiced in Boston. Was President of the Senate in 1887–88.

OLD HIGH SCHOOL AND GARDNER HALL.

Built in 1824 where the New Town Hall now stands. Its destruction by fire, Sept. 1, 1870, led to the establishment of a town water supply.

FIRST CLASS OF 1870, FIELD HIGH SCHOOL.

SECOND CLASS OF 1870, FIELD HIGH SCHOOL.

Lieut. J. C. Smith, *Mil. Drill.* Edith M. Richardson, *Greek and History.* Helen Houghton, *Com'l Dept.* Walter E. F. Gehrman, *German.* Ethel S. Chute, *Drawing.* Mrs. Caroline S. Tupper, *Grade IX.* Mrs. Lydia M. Fuller, *French.*

Lucy W. Southwick, *Pupil Teacher.* Sarah E. Richardson, *English Dept.* Wallace E. Mason, *Principal.* Mrs. Maria F. Wheelock, *Music.*

Annie Conlin, *Grade VII.* Ernest W. Small, *Sub-Master.* Anna G. Morse, *Drawing.*

GRADUATING CLASS, 1901.

WALLACE E. MASON. PRINCIPAL L. H. S.

Bowdoin College A. B. and Phi Beta Kappa 1882. High School Principal in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine, '82–'90; admitted to Colorado bar '90; practised law in Tennessee '90–'91; Principal Crange (Mass.) High School '92–'97; Leominster High School '97—.

CAPT. J. C. SMITH.

Drill Master Leominster High School since 1893. Captain 6th Regt. M. V. M. Served as 1st Lieutenant in Co. B, 6th Mass. Infantry in Spanish-American war. Past Master Wilder Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Past Captain Sons of Veterans.

CAMP WACHUSETT, L. H. S. CADETS, 1900.

Henry A. Croft, '02.

Eugene G. Smith, '01.

Clifton B. Herrick, '01.

LEOMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING TEAM, WINNERS OF THE PATON PRIZE TROPHY

At the Prize Debate between the Fitchburg and Leominster High Schools, which was held April 18, 1901, in Fitchburg.

THE FIELD HIGH SCHOOL.

So named in honor of Dr. C. C. Field, and in recognition of his long and efficient service in connection with the schools of Leominster.

L. H. S. FRESHMAN FOOTBALL TEAM, 1900.

LEOMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKET BALL TEAM, 1900.

GIESON, '02, Forward; BELL, '02, Back; ORDUNG, '03, Back; HAWKINS, '03, Forward; MILLER, '01, Center.

AN EARLY MORNING TRIP TO WHALOM.

ON THE ROAD.

CAFE AT WHALOM PARK, CONSTRUCTED 1899.

LOOKING UP MONOOSNOCK BROOK AND RAVINE.

VIEW FROM GARDNER HILL.

BACK OF GARDNER HILL.

DOWN THE VALLEY FROM CARTER'S PARK.

UP WEST STREET, NEAR COTTON.

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY No. 1, SEPTEMBER, 1874.

This picture was taken just before the parade of the Fire Department, the ladies having trimmed the truck for that occasion.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS LEOMINSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT, 1892.

W. H. Spaulding, Chief.

R. W. Ward, 2d Asst. C. H. Pierce, 3d Asst. E. L. Phelps, 4th Asst. P. H. Killelea, 1st Asst.

LEOMINSTER SPRINTERS. ONE OF THE OLD-TIME HOOK AND LADDER TEAMS.

1. Elmer Chase. 2. Fred Drew. 3. Henry Bowers. 4. Michael Dyer. 5. Thomas Finnan. 6. Cornelius Doyle. 7. F. A. Harrington. 8. Wm. Davis. 9. C. E. Nutter. 10. Fred Morse. 11. Geo. C. Edgerly. 12. H. L. Orcutt. 13. Fred Stuart. 14. Pat McCaffrey. 15. Wm. Lundigan. 16. John Lane. 17. R. W. Gray, Capt. 18. H. A. Arris. 19. Dennis Hurley. 20. F. J. Woodbury.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS LEOMINSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT, 1901.

H. W. Pierce, 1st Assistant. G. W. Foss, 4th Assistant.

C. A. Garland, Chief.

J. C. Madigan, 3d Assistant. F. J. Woodbury, 2d Assistant.

GEORGE W. EDGERLY,

General Manager Union Manufacturing Company.

JOHN Q. EDGERLY,

Treasurer Union Manufacturing Company.

FRANK E. EDGERLY,

President Union Manufacturing Company.

ALFRED NICHOLSON,

Leominster Horn Company.

FACTORY OF UNION MANUFACTURING COMPANY, PLEASANT STREET.

PLEASANT STREET, LOOKING TOWARDS THE CENTER.

ALONG THE SHORE AT LAKE WHALOM.

A WARM DAY AT WHALOM PARK.

THE RUSTIC STAGE, WHALOM, BUILT IN 1897.

Since removed to make way for the New Theatre Building recently erected.

CORNER OF WATER AND WHITNEY STS.

NEAR THE WACHUSETT SHIRT FACTORIES. WATER ST.

LAKE WHALOM.

WHALOM PARK.

The well-known public park and amusement resort purchased by the Fitchburg & Leominster Street Railway Company and opened in 1893.

THE McKINLEY CRUISER AT WHALOM LAKE.

The famous cruiser, so widely noticed as a Trolley Gunboat propelled through the streets by electricity in the campaign of 1896.

Richardson, Photo.

THE BIG MOOSE HEAD AT THE LEOMINSTER CLUB ROOMS.

Shot by F. H. Cook in New Brunswick, September, 1898, and mounted by S. L. Crosby of Bangor, Me., who pronounced it the largest and heaviest, as to size of head and spread of antlers, he had ever seen outside of an Alaskan head. The measurements, as given by Mr. Crosby, are as follows: Length of right hand beam, 39½ inches; width of palmation, 10½ and 11 inches; extreme spread, 67 inches; weight of skull and antlers, 67 pounds. There are 24 points.

LAKE FRONT AND GROVE AT LAKE WHALOM.

McGRATH BLOCK, CORNER MAIN AND MECHANIC STREETS. Kivlon, Photo.

HOME OF THE LEOMINSTER CLUB.

Geo. R Taylor, Photo.

RESIDENCE OF NAHUM HARWOOD, GROVE AVENUE. Richardson, Photo.

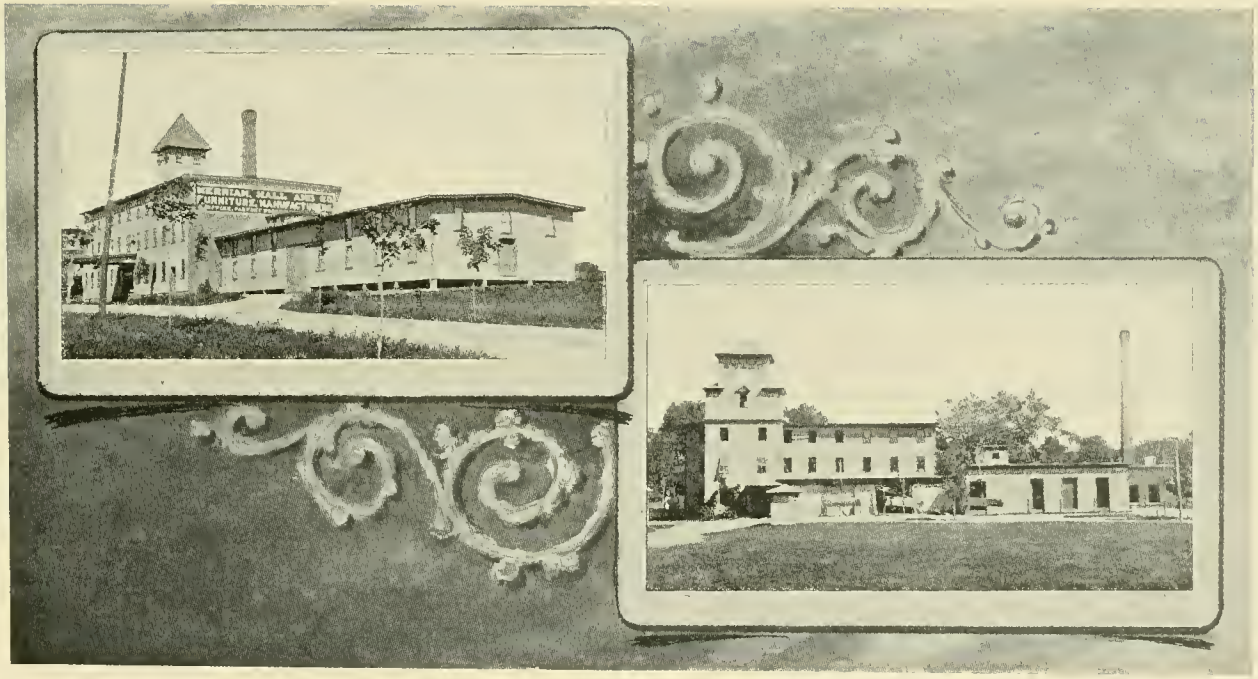
NAHUM HARWOOD.

President Leominster Gas Light Co., Director Leominster National Bank, and President Leominster Worsted Co. Interested since 1868 in the leatherboard business, now run by the National Fibre Board Co. of Boston.

HOWARD M. LANE.

Treasurer and Manager Leominster Gas Light Co., on water board during construction of water works, representative to legislature, several years chairman board of selectmen.

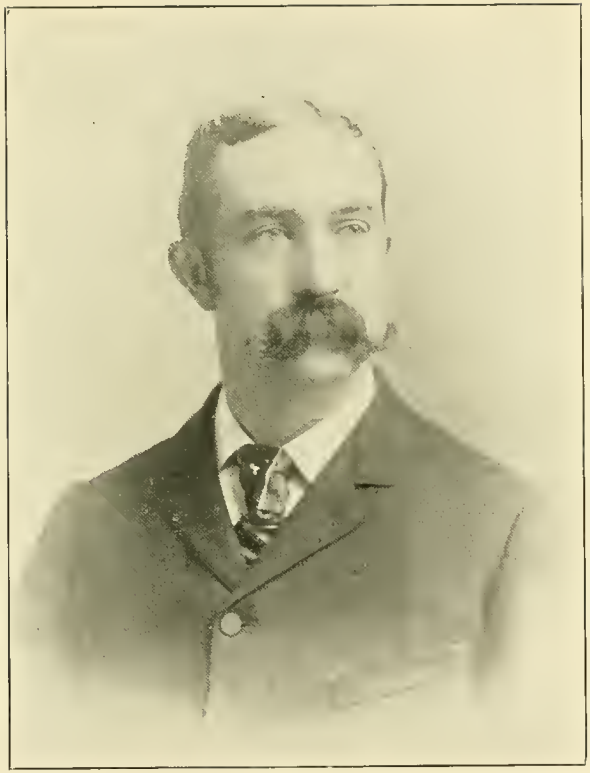
PLANT OF THE LEOMINSTER WORSTED COMPANY. ADAMS STREET. Richardson, Photo.



MERRIAM, HALL & CO.'S FACTORIES, NORTH LEOMINSTER.

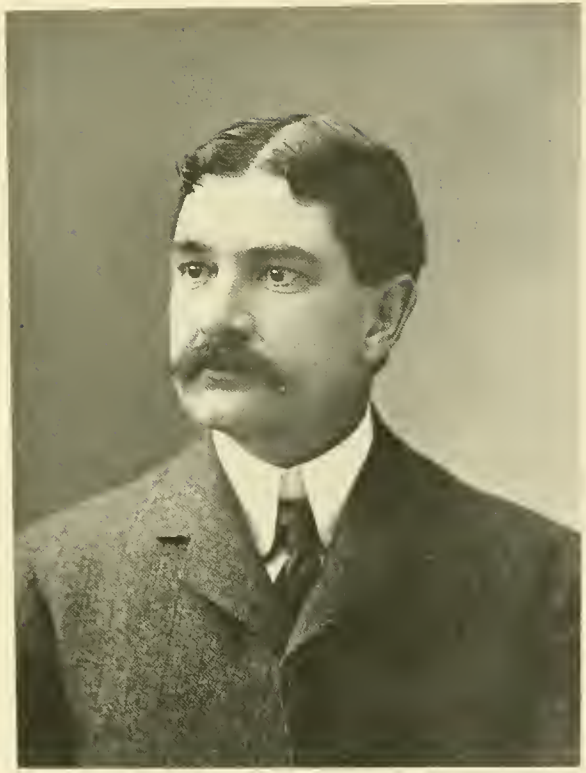
RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM H. CHASE, GROVE AVENUE.

Richardson, Photo.



W. H. CHASE.

Native of North Weare, N. H. Vice President and Treasurer of the Leominster Worsted Company since 1887.



A. N. LITCH.

Native of Fitchburg, Mass. Secretary of the Leominster Worsted Company since 1891.

ARTHUR H. HALL.

Furniture manufacturer, firm of Merriam, Hall & Co.; connected with this business for 25 years. Director Safety Fund National Bank, Fitchburg; trustee and on investment committee of Leominster Savings Bank; member of water board.

D. C. NICKERSON.

Native of Harwich, Mass. Prominent dry goods merchant in Leominster since 1874. Director in Leominster National Bank; trustee in the Leominster Savings Bank.

RESIDENCE OF D. C. NICKERSON, GROVE AVENUE.

CHARLES A. JOSLIN.

Native of Leominster. Town Clerk and Treasurer since 1884. Collector of Taxes since 1891.

EDWARD B. KINGMAN.

Since 1888 has been a manufacturer of celluloid, rubber and shell goods and novelties in Leominster.

ROBERT L. CARTER.

Born in Leominster. Secretary and Treasurer Leominster Co-operative Bank since 1891; assistant town clerk.

WILLIAM A. PUTNAM.

Proprietor J. M. Lockey & Co. insurance agency. Was for several years book-keeper in the Leominster National Bank.

RESIDENCE OF CHARLES A. JOSLIN, MAIN STREET.

RESIDENCE OF EDWARD B. KINGMAN, ORCHARD STREET. Richardson, Photo.

RICHARDSON BLOCK: RESIDENCE OF LESLIE L. RICHARDSON, HIGH STREET. Richardson, Photo.

RESIDENCE OF EVERETT B. RICHARDSON, HIGH STREET. Richardson, Photo.

EVERETT B. RICHARDSON.

President and Manager Richardson Piano Case Co. Native of Leominster. Connected with the piano case business as book-keeper and superintendent before the present company was organized.

LESLIE L. RICHARDSON.

Vice-President of the Richardson Piano Case Co., was born in Leominster and was a practical piano maker for several years previous to the formation of the company.

HENRY R. SMITH.

Born in Leominster Oct. 7, 1842. Served in Co. A. 36th Regt. M. V., 1862–'63. Educated for the ministry; pastor of First parish, Barre, Mass., 1869–'79. In comb business with Joel Smith, 1879–'86. Treasurer Richardson Piano Case Company from its organization to date.

ROLFE W. SMITH.

Born in Leominster Jan. 9, 1879. Graduated from Dartmouth College, 1901. Employed by Richardson Piano Case Co.

RESIDENCE OF HENRY R. SMITH, ORCHARD STREET.

Richardson, Photo.

PLEASANT STREET RESIDENCE OF HAMILTON MAYO, ESQ. Richardson, Photo.

WALTER N. HOWE.

Secretary and Treasurer J. D. Miller Co. since 1898. Born in Fitzwilliam, N. H.: attended Cushing academy, Ashburnham, and Bryant & Stratton's commercial college, Boston. Apprentice at Enterprise office Aug. 2, 1886. Foreman of newspaper, 1887 to 1898.

GEORGE S. GIBSON.

Foreman of job department of Leominster Enterprise since 1892. Native of Leominster. Son of George P. Gibson and grandson of Bezaleel Gibson, the old-time comb manufacturer.

HARRY J. BELL.

City editor Leominster Daily Enterprise. Born in Ashby, Aug. 19, 1861. Second son of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. James M. Bell. Completed his education at Hopkins academy, Hadley, and Comer's commercial college, Boston.

FRED L. PERRY.

Born in Leominster, July 8, 1880. Graduated from Field high school, class of 1899. Reportorial staff of the Leominster Daily Enterprise.

RESIDENCE OF O. A. TAFT, PEARL STREET.

OSCAR ALEXANDER TAFT.

Native of Uxbridge, Mass. Son of Dr. Brigham A. Taft, a prominent physician of Southern Worcester County. Several years in business and manufacturing in Worcester; dry goods and insurance business in Leominster; patent attorney and interested in business enterprises in Worcester, with residence at Leominster.

WILLIAM A. EMERSON.

Engraver and publisher. "Handbook of Engraving," 1876, republished by Lee, Shepard & Co.; "History of Douglas," his native town, 1879; "Fitchburg, Past and Present," 1887; "Fireside Legends of Fitchburg," 1890, 1900; and "The Leominster Book," 1901. Resident of Leominster 1882–'85.

RESIDENCE OF MRS. GEORGE W. FOSTER, GROVE AVENUE.

GEORGE W. FOSTER (1849-1891).

From 1873 to 1877 in the boot and shoe business with his brother, Charles C., in Foster's Block; afterwards in firm of Foster Bros. & Kenney, grocers, and later with the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company.

CHARLES C. FOSTER.

Several years a teacher in the public schools of Chicopee, Mass. Engaged in boot and shoe business in 1873; afterwards in grocery business; later with Leominster Shirt Co. Served on library and school committees.

FOSTER'S BLOCK AND BANK BLOCK, 1879.

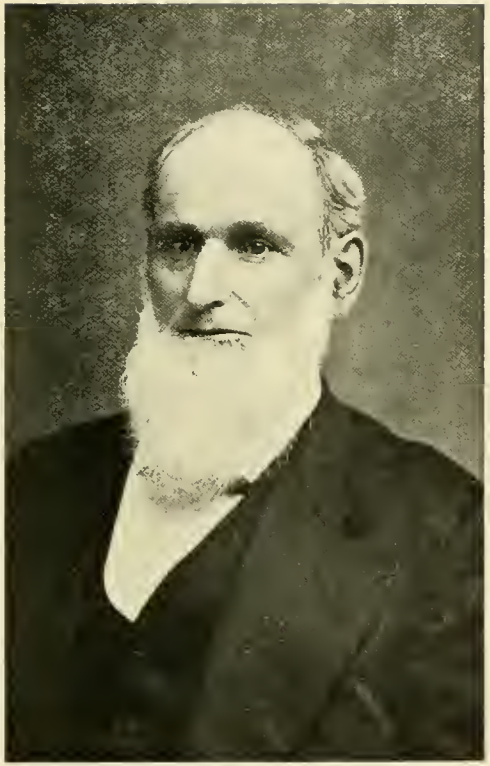
RESIDENCE OF A. EUGENE NEWTON, EXCHANGE STREET. Richardson, Photo.

GEORGE H. WHEELOCK (1824-1895).

Native of Leominster. Was a comb maker by trade, and was engaged with others in comb manufacturing for several years. Later in life was a travelling salesman in Leominster and adjoining towns.

CHARLES CARTER KNOWLTON (1835-1900).

Eldest son of Walter and Harriet Knowlton. Born and educated in Leominster, where he was a cabinet maker for several years. Removed to Ayer in 1857, but returned to his native town, where he died Oct. 25, 1900.



CHARLES F. CONANT (1822–1883).

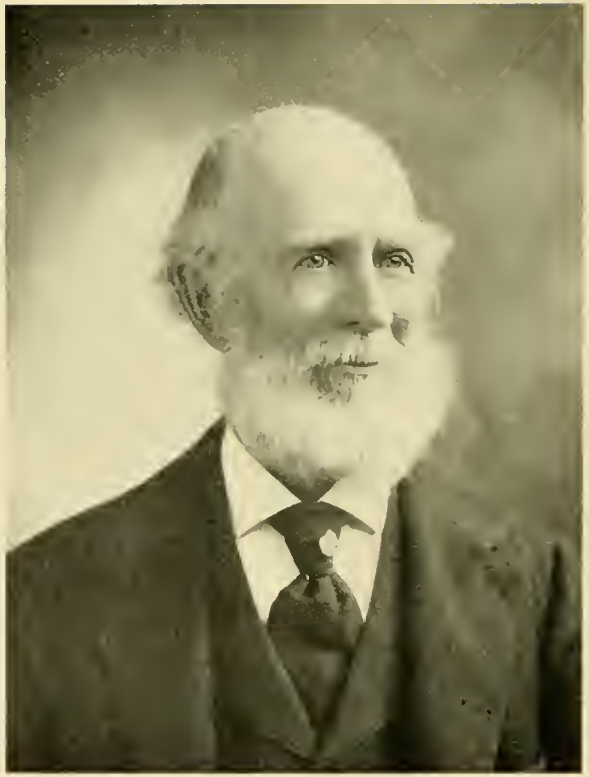
Native of New Ipswich, N. H., but spent a considerable portion of his life in Leominster. He was for many years a valued member of the Orthodox Congregational church.

HENRY L. CONANT.

Son of Charles F. and Oral B. Conant. Several years a foreman at the F. A. Whitney Carriage Co., and interested in life insurance.

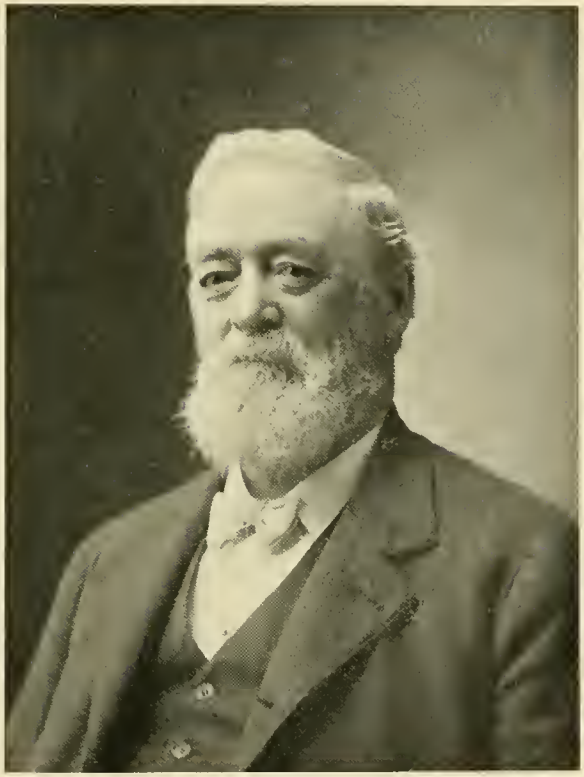
DEA. S. S. CROCKER.

Born in North Leominster Oct. 30, 1813. Seventh son of Dea. Samuel Crocker. Was a paper manufacturer in Fitchburg, Lawrence, Leominster and Holyoke. A strong anti-slavery man; deacon in the Baptist churches at Fitchburg, Lawrence and Leominster, and for more than eighty years a Sunday School attendant either as scholar, teacher or superintendent.



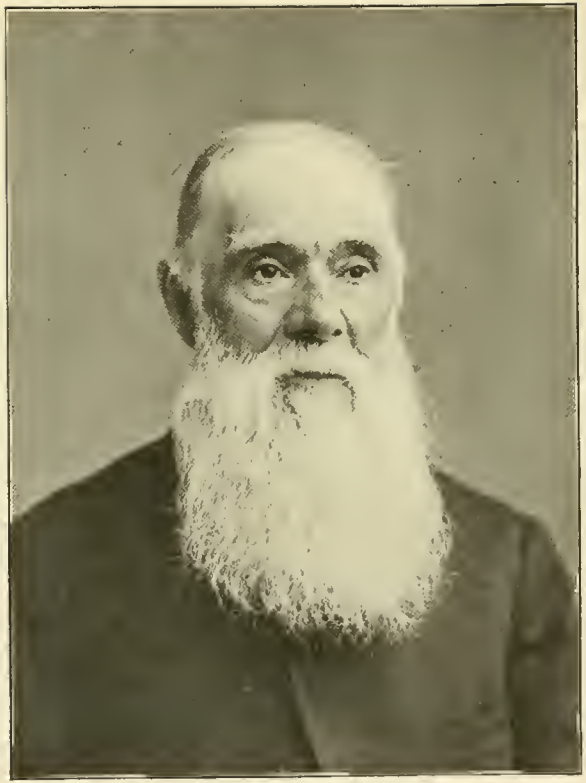
JOHN B. FARNSWORTH.

Born in Ware, Mass., Aug. 6, 1833. Established his steam and gas fitting and plumbing business in Leominster in 1878, and in 1883 a branch in Clinton. In the management of his Leominster business he has the assistance of his son, Frank S. Farnsworth.



F. N. BOUTWELL.

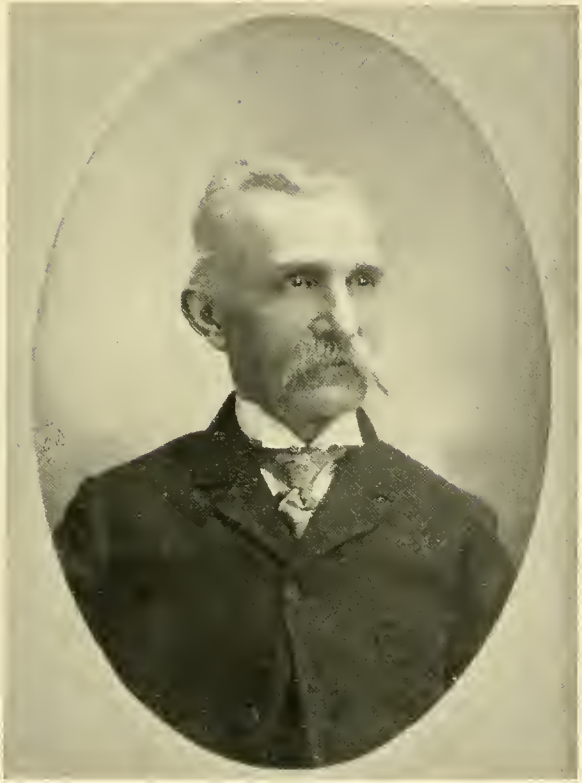
Born in Craftsbury, Vt., July 30, 1835. Apprenticed in Amherst (N. H.) printing office; journeyman printer in Montpelier, Boston and Fitchburg; editor and publisher Milford Republican, 1858–'62; job printer at Milford, 1867, and in Leominster, 1869; published the Leominster Enterprise, 1873–'85; proprietor of a job printing office here since.



JOEL J. TYLER.

Born in Jaffrey, N. H., 1822. Came to Leominster in 1826; worked for forty years in the piano and comb factories; past eight years with his son Joel in the insurance business under the firm name of J. J. Tyler & Co. Has sought no public honors, but enjoys the respect and confidence of the entire community.

RESIDENCE OF SAMUEL P. BRACKETT, HARRISON STREET. Kivlan, Photo.

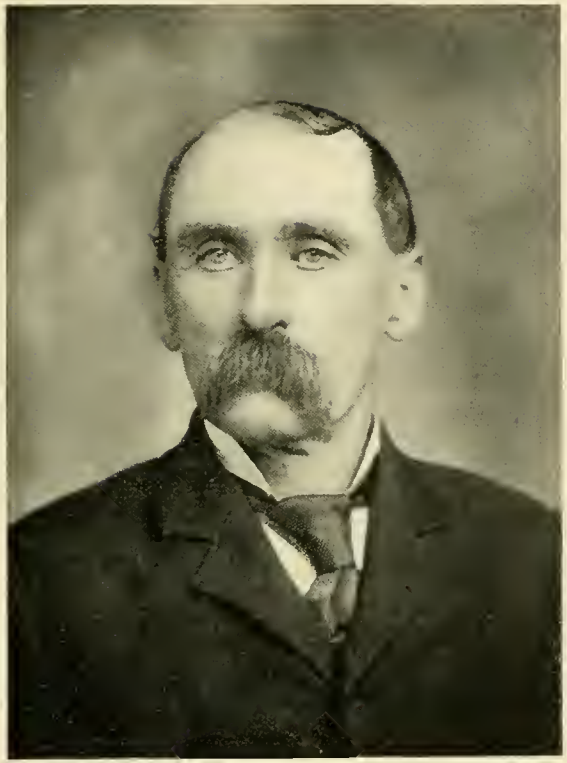


SAMUEL P. BRACKETT.

PROFESSIONAL LATHER.

Native of Walpole, Mass. Enlisted in the 40th Regt. Mass. Volunteers, serving from 1862 to '65, his regiment being one of the first to enter Richmond. He came to Leominster and did his first job of lathing in the Leominster Hotel Block, which was built by George S. Jones, 1874–'5. Having started in business, Mr. Brackett soon acquired a reputation for rapid as well as conscientious work, and as a result the majority of the best Leominster houses, as well as many in Fitchburg and Clinton, which have since been built have called for his services, and he has become an acknowledged expert in his line.

RESIDENCE OF P. F. LANE, MT. PLEASANT AVENUE. Richardson, Photo.



P. F. LANE.

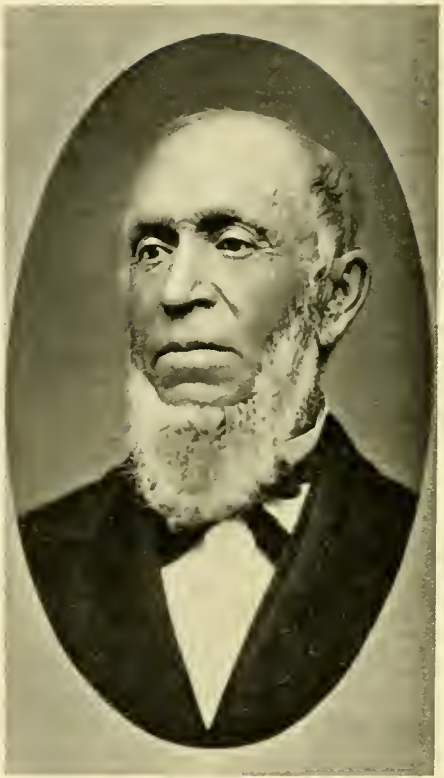
Dealer in horn and hoof stock and horn working machinery. Was for several years in the horn bric-a-brac business, making a specialty of horn chairs and mounting horns. Was also interested in the manufacture of spirit levels.

WILLIAM A. SNOW.

Born in Eastport, Me., April 28, 1833. Pupil of John Rolin Tilton and Paul Akers at Portland, Me. Afterwards for twenty years traveled with Stone & Murray's, Coup's, Dan Stone's, and other well-known circuses, as one of the celebrated "Snow Brothers," professional tumblers and acrobats, and owners of the famous troupe of trained dogs. Since leaving this business has earned an enviable reputation at scene and decorative painting.

MOSES D. RICHARDSON (1805–1888).

Son of Silas Richardson. Born at North Leominster and a life-long resident of this town. He joined the First Baptist church in 1828 and was its clerk from 1835 to 1838, and in 1848 was chosen deacon.



SILAS RICHARDSON (1802–1876).

Born in North Leominster. Was a teacher in early life, but in 1846 was appointed sexton of the town cemetery, a position he held for twenty-six year, failing health causing him to resign the position to his son Charles H.

CHARLES H. RICHARDSON.

Son of Silas Richardson. Born in Leominster on the old homestead Sept. 3, 1840. Was with his father, who was for so many years the village sexton, succeeding to the position previous to his father's death. Is now a furnishing undertaker, located at his present residence and place of business for the past 30 years.

HARRIET ELIZABETH (RICHARDS) RICHARDSON.

Married to Charles H. Richardson, Nov. 21, 1871.

ASHER A. D. YEAW.

Born in Foster, R. I. Smithfield Seminary, Smithfield, R. I. Since age of sixteen, designer and engraver of horn and shell combs in Clinton, Northboro and Leominster.

REV. JULIETTE YEAW.

Daughter Emerson and Susan Hills. Merrimac Normal Inst., Reed's Ferry, N. H. Teacher in public schools of Leominster and Lancaster, 1847–'53. Pastor Independent Liberal church, Greenwich, Mass., 1885–1900.

Sarah A. Going.
Mrs. Sarah E. Brown.

Mrs. A. G. Boutelle.
Ellen E. Pitts.

Mrs. Ella M. Wilder.
Mrs. Lydia J. Rixford.

Mrs. Henrietta M. Gates.
Josie A. Davis.

Lillian Marble.
Cynthia P. Boutelle.

FRANK H. POPE.

Born in Sandwich, Mass. Dean Academy, Franklin, Mass. Elocutionist, New York Literary Bureau several seasons. Secretary Democratic State Central Committee, '97. Reportorial staff Boston Globe; correspondent New York Herald.

MRS. KATE G. POPE.

Daughter of Asher A. D. and Juliette Yeaw. Graduate of Northboro' high school. Elocutionist.

Mrs. Louise B. Allen. Mrs. Lizzie C. Kenney. Mrs. Martha D. England. Mrs. Clara A. Wetherbee. Mrs. Orocy A. Whitney. Mrs. Sarah H. Edgarton. Etta Harrington.

GROUP: Mrs. Lura I. Prevear, Mrs. Lillian F. Safford, Mrs. Alice L. Geldert. Mrs. Carrie E. Hancox.

Mrs. Lilian J. Bigelow. Mrs. Frances A. Jones. Grace Pierce Cook. Mrs. Alice Holman. Grace L. Burrage. Mrs. Gertrude S. Farmer.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, LEOMINSTER, MASS.

This church, with the organ and rectory, was the gift of Mrs. Minerva C. Crocker, of Fitchburg, Mass. The first services were held in the church Dec. 23, 1900. Rev. Francis Alan Brown, Rector of St. Mark's church, graduated from the Philadelphia Divinity School in 1896. Ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Lawrence in 1896, and to the priesthood in 1897. Assistant Minister of Christ church, Fitchburg, from graduation to May, 1897. Rector of St. Mark's church since March 1, 1897.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH (EPISCOPAL), CORNER WEST AND COTTON STREETS. 1900. E. G. Davis, Photo.

Rev. James Madison Bell, D. D., Susan Foster (Frye) Bell, his wife, and their three sons, Harry J., Sidney E. and Enoch F. Bell. The death of Dr. Bell occurred Jan. 18, 1901, at the age of 67 years. He was a native of New York city, and graduated from the New York University, subsequently preparing for the ministry at the Andover Theological Seminary. Dr. Bell was a ripe scholar, and especially well versed in the Hebrew and Greek languages. In 1898 the New York University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, he being at that time one of the four surviving members of the class of '54. Dr. Bell was a stalwart Republican, and was prominent in anti-slavery work during the stirring days of the great civil war. He was intensely patriotic, and was a descendant of Sir Francis Bell, who settled in Connecticut in 1640; several of his ancestors were soldiers and officers in the Revolution. Dr. Bell had pastoral charges in prominent New England towns for nearly half a century. He settled over the North Leominster Congregational church in 1893.

J. F. Goodhue.
Daniel R. Haynes.
Cyrus Kinsman.

Alanson Richardson.
Maj. Joseph Tenney.
Charles Carter.

Dana Graham.
Seneca Colburn.
Col. H. D. Look.

Geo. F. Colburn.
Luke Wilder.
Joseph Look.

L. Goss.
Henry A. Wilder.
Ward M. Cotton.

J. Cozzens.
Jacob Colburn.
A. M. Polley.

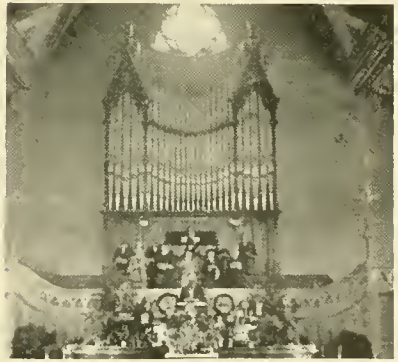
Emerson Prescott.
J. B. Gallup.
Gen. Aaron S. Gibbs.

THE CHOIR OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH (EPISCOPAL), 1900. Richardson, Photo.

SECOND PULPIT OF UNITARIAN CHURCH.

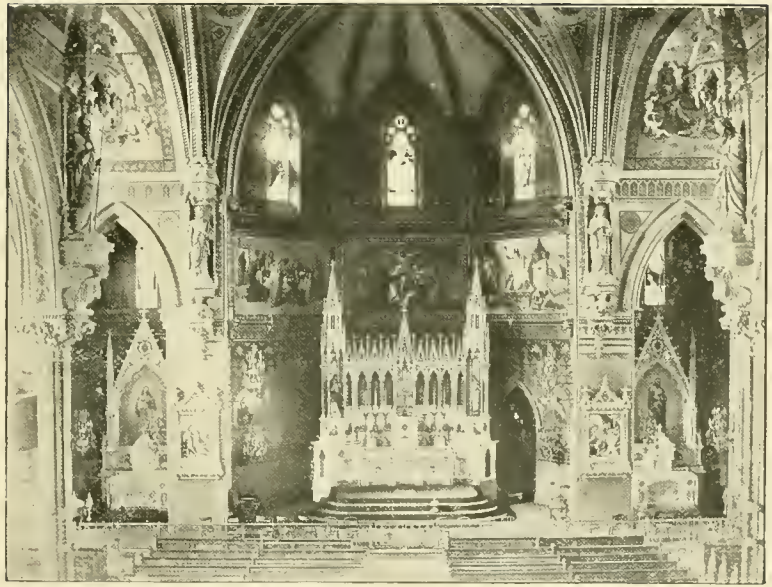
LAYING CORNER STONE OF ORTHODOX CHURCH.

UNITARIAN CHURCH INTERIOR.



METHODIST CHURCH INTERIOR.

INTERIOR OF THE OLD ST. LEO'S CHURCH, MAIN STREET.



INTERIOR OF THE NEW ST. LEO'S CHURCH. MAIN STREET.

A BIT OF NORTH LEOMINSTER SCENERY. Geo. P. Jones, Photo.

TOLMAN HOUSE.

Built by Oliver Carter, son of one of the first settlers; donor of the land known as "Carter Common."

THE CARTER FARM.

House built in 1773 by Deacon Ephraim Carter, great-grandfather of Mrs. George L. Chaney.

Richardson, Photo.

Richardson, Photo.

RUINS OF THE W. S. REED TOY COMPANY'S FIRE, SUMMER STREET. Geo. P. Jones, Photo.

MORNING AFTER THE FIRE. REED TOY CO., SUMMER STREET. Geo. P. Jones, Photo.

RESIDENCE OF MANSON D. HAWS, NORTH LEOMINSTER.

THE HAWS MEMORIAL CHAPEL. Richardson, Photo.

MRS. ELVIRA F. DODGE (1812–1900).

Mrs. Dodge began in a small way in 1857 making paper boxes at her home on Central street. In 1874 her son, Wooster F. Dodge, was admitted to partnership under the firm name of E. F. Dodge & Co., and in 1890 she gave up the care of the manufactory to him; but up to the very last year of her life, although 88 years of age, she personally conducted the making up of the payrolls and paying the wages to each employee in person. In doing this she took great satisfaction, and never, during the more than forty years of active business life, delegated that duty to another.

MRS. NANCY SALISBURY.

Youngest daughter of Rev. Francis Gardner. Married Samuel Salisbury, an old-time Boston merchant. The old Gardner parsonage and farm came into the possession of the Salisbury family, two of their children, Daniel Waldo and Rebecca Salisbury, residing here for several years.

MISS E. EUNICE TAINTER.

Was for nearly twenty years the teacher of a private school in Fitchburg, which she gave up in 1851, removing to her home in Leominster. In Vol. II., Fitchburg Historical Society Proceedings, is a most interesting sketch of this "Dame School Sixty Years Ago."

VIEW NEAR THE ICE HOUSES.

VIEW NEAR THE RUSTIC BRIDGE, WHALOM.

THURSTON RICHARDSON, C. E. GOULD, CHAS. P. PIERCE, AUSTIN A. SMITH.

(From photo taken at Mr. Richardson's shop, then in rear of Jeslin & Adams' comb shop, Union Street.)

FIVE GENERATIONS OF THE BURRAGE FAMILY.

Ruth Kilburn Burrage, her son Emery, grandson John Milton, great-grandson Leonard, Jr., and great-great-granddaughter Ruth Kilburn.

THE CAPTAIN EPHRAIM LINCOLN HOUSE, WEST ST.

The above is a reproduction of the house in the south room of which the Orthodox Congregational church of Leominster was formed, Dec. 25, 1822, and where for two years its public religious services were held.

MARY (DARLING) LINCOLN (1777-1864).

Native of Leominster. One of the four women of the original ten persons organized as the Orthodox Congregational church in 1822.

CASSIUS DARLING,
Nov. 24, 1800–July 25, 1873.

COL. JOSEPH S. DARLING,
June 8, 1802–March 10, 1883.

CHAS. BOYNTON DARLING,
July 13, 1805–June 29, 1882.

WILLIAM A. DARLING,
March 28, 1807–Dec. 27, 1892.

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These four brothers were all natives of Leominster, and all lived to a good old age. Their father died when the boys were very young and their mother married Captain Ephraim Lincoln, and it was at their house on West Street that the Orthodox Congregational church was organized and held its services for two years.

PORTER PIPER. Davis, Photo.

Probably the oldest male resident in town. Came to Leominster in 1850 and engaged in the comb business, afterwards taking up real estate. Is of the Unitarian faith; is the only surviving charter member of the Fitchburg Railroad.

LEANDER ARCHIBALD. Davis, Photo.

Born in May, 1816. Has followed the trade of blacksmith, and for many years occupied the old blacksmith shop near the bridge in North Leominster.

THE ARCHIBALD BLACKSMITH SHOP, NORTH LEOMINSTER. E. G. Davis, Photo.

This is one of the old landmarks of Leominster. Originally built by Luther Stearns, who sold it to his son Emory, of whom Mr. Archibald bought it in 1836.

CAPT. LEONARD BURRAGE (1797–1883).

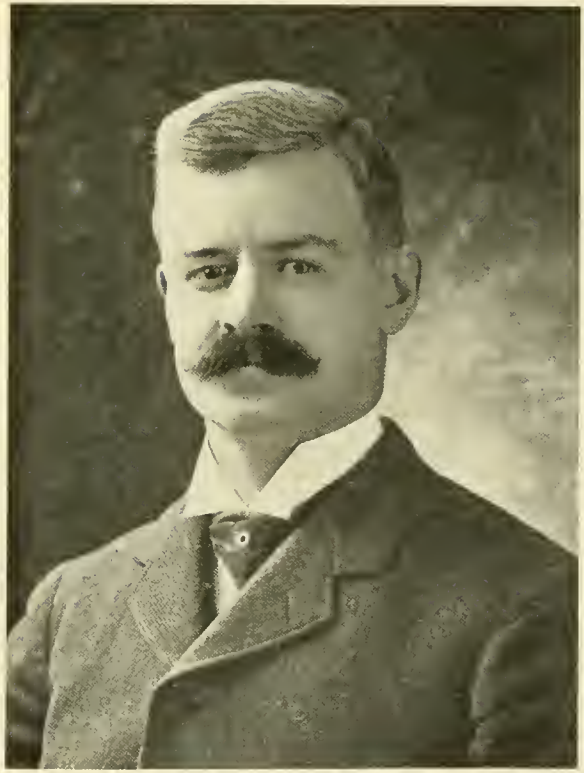
Learned the trade of tanner and carried on the business successfully. Active in town affairs; moderator at town meetings; selectman and school committeeman; four years representative. Served as captain in the militia. President of the Leominster Savings Bank.

GEORGE SANDERSON BURRAGE (1823–1876).

Native of Leominster. Moved to Ashburnham, and for several years interested in chair manufacturing. Afterwards carried on the furniture business in San Francisco, Cal. Later on went into grape raising in Napa Valley, where he died May 16, 1876.

ALBERT C. BURRAGE.

Son of George S. and Aurelia Burrage. Harvard, '83. Lawyer; member Boston Common Council, 1892; appointed on Boston Rapid Transit Commission by Gov. Greenhalge, 1894; President Boston, Bay State, Roxbury, Dorchester and South Boston Gas Light Companies, 1896–'97.



CHARLES D. BURRAGE.

Son of George S. and Aurelia Burrage. Lawyer; practiced at Gardner, Mass., 1882 to 1896. Vice-President and counsel Boston, South Boston, Roxbury and Bay State Gas Light Companies, 1897—.

LEOMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SQUAD, 1900.

LEOMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL CADETS, 1901.

Major, Henry Croff.
Co. A—Captain, Bertie Pierce; 1st Lieutenant, Alfred Lothrop; 2d Lieutenant, James J. Cleary.
Co. B—Captain, Herman W. Suhlke; 1st Lieutenant, Daniel W. Watson; 2d Lieutenant, William Lane.

MAJOR AMOS HAWS (1794–1865).

Manufactured boots and shoes in North Leominster. Afterwards, in 1830, engaged in the grist and saw mill business. Interested in military matters; was captain of the company and afterwards major of the battalion of artillery to which the company belonged.

OLIVER HALL (1810–1893).

Born in Leominster. His father died when he was a child. At the age of twelve he went to Boston. Was a florist and market gardener in Roxbury and Worcester, returning to Leominster, where he spent the remainder of his life.

STEPHEN AUSTIN MILLER (1819–1894).

Native of Ashburnham. Moved to Leominster in 1854, and with Oliver G. Caldwell manufactured tubs and pails. Retired from business in 1888. Served the town as selectman, 1867–'68–'69.

SAMUEL GATES (1814–1895).

Was a native of Gardner, Mass. At the age of fourteen years he located in Leominster and served his apprenticeship at the comb business. Afterwards carried on the business for a number of years.

A CAKE WALK AT WHALOM.

THE NEW THEATER AT WHALOM, 1901.

THE WILDER HOMESTEAD, MANNING AVENUE.

For nearly fifty years the home of Savilon E. Wilder. Mr. Wilder was the youngest boy in the family of nine children. His father, Elisha Wilder, was a pioneer resident of Leominster, whose farm was on Pleasant street.

SAVILON E. WILDER (1817–1894).

A native and for seventy-five years a resident of Leominster. He followed the trade of comb maker for several years, and afterwards established and for nearly forty years carried on an extensive painting business.

THE OLD COMB SHOP OF JOSLIN, PALMER & WILLIAMS, 1871.

Methodist Episcopal Church.
Congregational Church, N. Leominster.

First Universalist Church.
First Baptist Church.

Orthodox Congregational Church.
St. Leo's Catholic Church and Residence.

Rev. H. E. Cooley.
Rev. E. A. Horton.
Rev. E. B. Payne.

Rev. S. C. Kendall.
Rev. Wm. J. Batt.
Rev. Daniel Shiel.

Rev. W. B. Toulmin.
Rev. Wm. H. Savage.
Rev. C. F. Rice.

Rev. J. B. Robinson.
Rev. John Peterson.
Rev. F. A. Balcom.

REV. RUFUS PHINEAS STEBBINS.

Graduate of Amherst and of the theological school at Cambridge. Ordained and settled over Unitarian church, Leominster, in 1837. In 1844 accepted a call to preside over an institution in Meadville, Pa., for the preparation of young men for the ministry. Served town six years on School board.

REV. GEORGE MADISON BODGE.

N. Bridgton academy, Me.; Bowdoin, 1868; Harvard divinity school, '78. President Gould academy and Gorham and Westbrook seminaries, Me. Pastor at Dorchester, East Boston, Leominster (1892–'98), and Westwood. Historical writer and lecturer. His volume on "Indian Wars" is recognized authority on Colonial wars. Served in 7th Maine Regt. in civil war. Is a well-known Mason and Grand Prelate Mass. Grand Lodge, K. of P.

REV. GABRIEL HAVENS DEBEVOISE.

Born Brooklyn, N. Y. Phillips Andover, '53; Williams, '57; Andover Theological Seminary, '64. Pastor Cong. church, Walpole, N. H. '65–'68; North Brookfield, Mass., '68–'80; Leominster, '80–'83; Supt. Cong. S. S. Mass., '83–'86; Pastor Keene, N. H., '86–'96. Financial agent Kurn Hattin Homes, Westminster, Vt., '96–'98; since pastor of church in Westminster.

REV. RICHARD MEREDITH.

Welsh parentage. Educated for the ministry in his native land. Came to America in 1862. Fifteen years in itineracy in Troy Conference M. E. Church; six years with First Cong. church, E. Hartford, Conn.; Orthodox Cong. church, Leominster, 1884–'93; since associate pastor Tompkins Avenue church, Brooklyn, N. Y., of which his brother is pastor.

EMERSON HILLS (MARCH 7, 1804–FEB. 4, 1879).

Son of Silas Hills, one of the founders of the comb industry in Leominster. Deacon Charles Hills, with three younger brothers, Silas, Alvah and Emerson, were associated many years in the manufacture of combs.

SUSAN (WHITNEY) HILLS.

Born in Westminster Aug. 19, 1809, in the old hotel, her father, Stephen Whitney, landlord. Resident of Leominster ninety years. Childhood passed in old Leominster Hotel, built by her stepfather, Capt. Calvin Hale. Over sixty years member of the Unitarian church; forty years teacher in Sunday School; member of Unitarian Benevolent Association since its organization.

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| Isaac Cowdrey. | L. W. Porter. | J. P. Lockey. | Aldrich Cook. | John Mather. | Maj. T. S. Bennett. | Joseph Haskell. | Silas Conant. |
| L. W. Conant. | George Woods. | Geo. S. Burrage. | C. C. Boyden. | F. W. Hudson. | Dea. W. F. Burrage. | E. J. Marsh. | C. A. Whitcomb. |
| J. C. Lane. | Wm. Durant. | Bartemas Carter. | W. H. Jewett. | Geo. Lawrence. | C. H. Porter. | David C. Allen. | C. E. Gould. |

THE OLD NO. 4 SCHOOLHOUSE, HARVARD STREET.

LEOMINSTER LETTER CARRIERS, 1901.

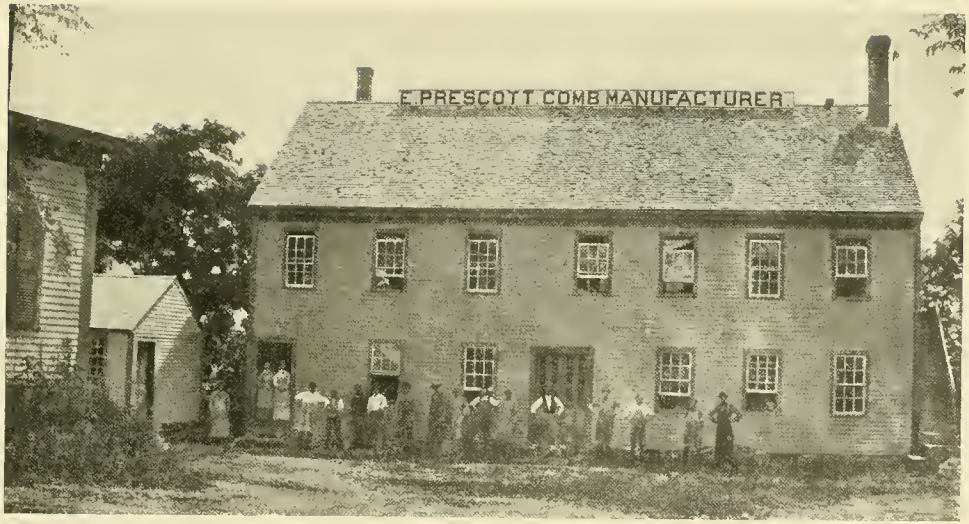
RESIDENCE OF WILBUR N. MAYNARD, WHITNEY STREET. Kivlan, Photo.

SUN ENAMEL WORKS, WHITNEY STREET.

THE LUSK PLACE, WEST STREET.

THE WARD M. COTTON HOUSE, WEST ST.

PLANT OF THE UNION COMB COMPANY, ABOUT 1870.




THE EMERSON PRESCOTT COMB SHOP.

Built by J. C. Lane in 1847. Used as a comb shop by Bailey & Sprague, Col. H. D. Look and his son Charles. Afterwards by the W. S. Reed Toy Co.

THE WILDER HOMESTEAD, PLEASANT STREET. E. G. Davis, Photo.

This is one of the oldest houses in Leominster. It was the home of Elisha Wilder, one of the pioneer farmers of Leominster. Here he lived for many years and reared a family of nine children, many of his descendants still residing in Leominster.

THE CELEBRATED GOAT TEAM.

Arthur C. Merriman, Photo, 1885.

THE GOAT AUCTION IN MONUMENT SQUARE.

This episode created quite a little amusement while it was in progress. The ball was set rolling by a citizen whose premises had been invaded by two stray goats. The town, in town meeting assembled, had just elected E. A. Buffinton field driver and C. E. Dresser pound keeper. Incidentally Town Clerk Joslin met them on the street and suggested that they should be sworn in, and then and there duly qualified them to serve. Complaint was then promptly entered. Field driver Buffinton took the goats into custody, impounded them on the premises of pound keeper Dresser, who was obliged to feed and care for the animals. No owner appearing, they were advertised according to law and sold at public auction, Charles H. Rice, auctioneer. They were bid off at $50 by C. D. Henry, manager of Henry & Burton's Theatre Company, who afterwards used them in their street parades.

Whalom Beach.

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